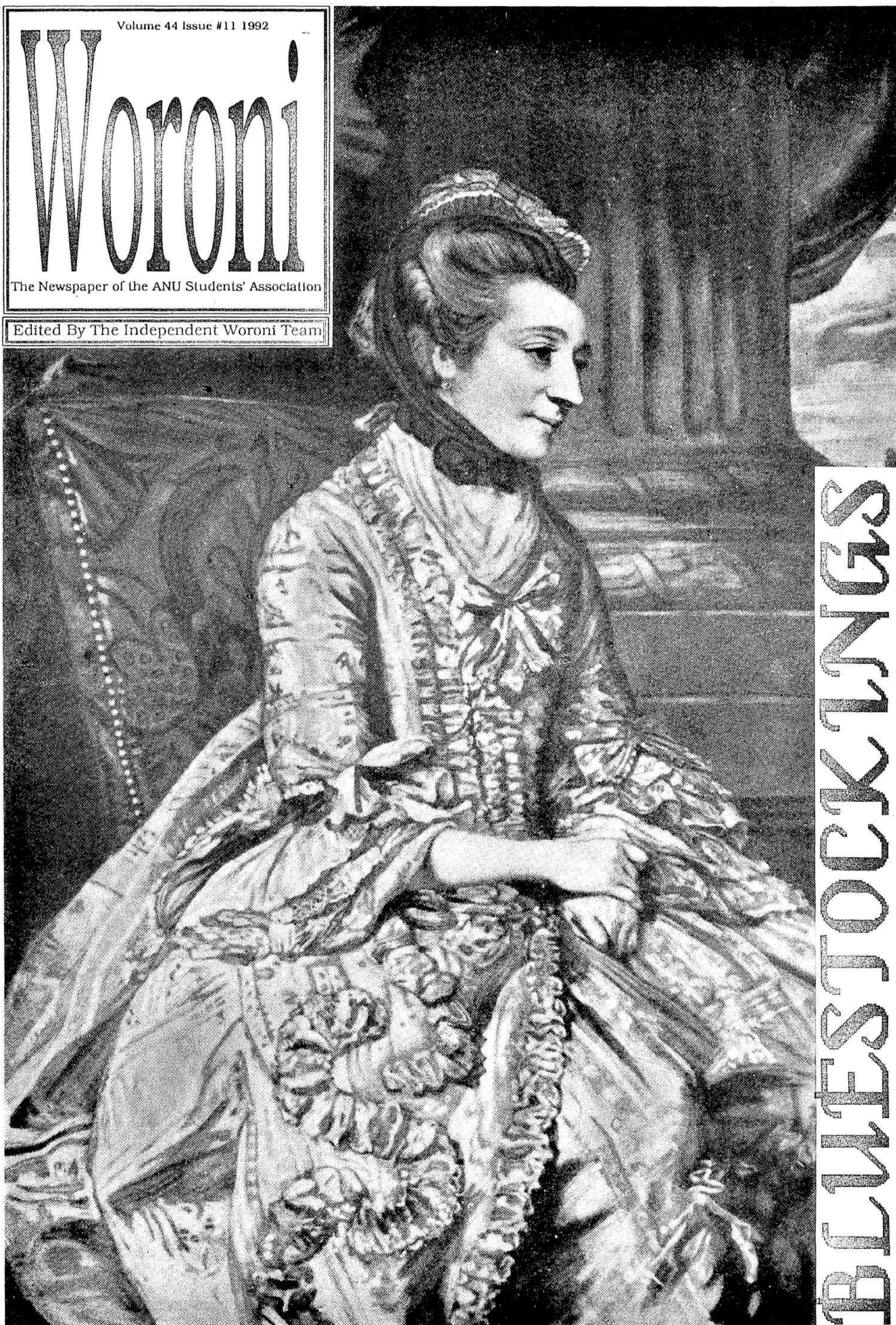


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Editorial

The women's issue

What can I say? I'm not a woman. So in the interests of not wanting to put my foot in it I'll leave that one alone.

Elections

In the interests of not wanting to repeat myself I'll leave my statement on student elections to what I said last issue.

AUSTUDY

The federal budget included some changes to AUSTUDY and ABSTUDY. I am a recipient of AUSTUDY so I think I will say something about this one. The changes, while not nearly as bad as expected, are changes none the less. Last week I was privileged enough to receive a letter from Peter Baldwin (minister for higher education, among other things) outlining the *improvements* to AUSTUDY. The *improvements* he seems so keen to rave about are great... if you can't get AUSTUDY now. If you can, nothing changes. AUSTUDY grants still aren't enough to live on. Why should I be forced to take out a voluntary loan

simply to survive?

Sullivan's Restaurant

Have you noticed that what was the tavern bar is now a table service restaurant called Sullivan's. Have you noticed that an area of the Union which used to be full at lunch times is now almost empty, and most of those eating there are staff. Sullivan's another great *staff* service provided by the *Students'* Union. Nothing against staff! Only the idiots running what is supposed to be a Students' Union.

Science Pathways

As an arts student, I do not often get the chance to venture to the Science side of Sully's. Last time I did I was pleased to notice that the University had finally decided to pave many of the pathways around the Science buildings. It's about time.

A message to all those students who are sick of Woroni this year

So am I, but we all have to endure three more issues. So if you don't like it... FUCK OFF.

Paul

Woroni

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A Letter to Neil Rodgers

Last issue a letter was printed from the Warden of B&G in response to the previous issue's college correspondent column. This is a reply to that letter from a B&G resident which we thought made a better news item than letter to the editor.

KEEP LEFT

A WEEKEND OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE IDEAS WE NEED TO BEAT THE RIGHT

by Caitlin Wyndham.

Revolutionary socialists from all around the country, including Perth and Hobart, gathered at Sydney's University of Technology, 21-23 August for a weekend of talks and discussion organised by the International Socialist Organisation (ISO). I was among the few non-members for whom the weekend was an inspiring introduction to the politics of the ISO. About 250 people attended to discuss and argue about ideas and suggestions for a resolution of the present crisis. Recession, attacks on education, wages and welfare as well as war and instability throughout the world illustrate that the capitalist system is facing a crisis. People recognise that the rulers don't have the answers, neither Labor or Liberal can offer a comprehensive strategy to solve these problems. Liberal offers us a \$3 an hour youth wage and full university fees, they must be stopped.

I attended a debate on 'can the Liberals be stopped?' between Jason Bryce, President NSW Young Labor and Jerome Small from ISO. Thankfully the short answer was YES (and hopefully this holds for the campus too!). The discussion lasted for an hour and was very illuminating about different strategies as people from diverse groups outlined their particular strategies. Jason presented the Young Labor position, various people spoke about the ISO strategy and a representative of the Democratic Socialist Party (DSP) discussed the Independent Action strategy in Victoria.

Goretti Horgan, Irish socialist and Pro-choice campaigner who spoke here on campus last week, gave a talk on 'Does Marxism need Feminism', a very contentious issue that stimulated lively debate. There were also four sessions devoted to an introduction to Socialist politics, in which it was possible to ask questions and clarify the ISO's politics. This is however only a taste of the range of topics covered.

The highlight of the weekend for me was Saturday night at the Thurless Castle Hotel, Chippendale. The beer flowed, the discussion continued and even the music was political with Alastair Hulett! The atmosphere was incredible, sixty odd revolutionaries singing the Internationale, and they knew the words!

All in all the weekend was very, very inspiring. Inspiring that people are getting together and sorting out ideas for the future, not just for a way out of the recession in Australia but also analysing the world situation and keeping that in view. Inspiring that there are alternative options to those handed out by our omnipotent rulers!

Dear Mr Rodgers,

As a long-time resident of B&G I read your letter to *Woroni* describing measures taken against sexual harassment in college with some interest. I wonder now just how much I've been missing in my three years at B&G since I've never come across any of the "senior students who function as local sexual harassment contacts" you describe. And as for publicity of attacks "within and between the residences" what the hell are you talking about? In three years at B&G I've never encountered anything of the sort. I have however encountered sexual harassment in most colleges, including my own, and administrations who couldn't care less.

While I agree that life at B&G does not resemble the police state described by the college correspondent, that is not to suggest that that life is a bed of roses, especially not where sexual harassment is concerned. It's funny how everyone at B&G (every girl, that is) seems to have a story to tell about sexual harassment of one form or another and the colleges lack of concern.

For example: the first year girl who had her door broken down at 5am by a guy who she thought of as a friend. Note readers—he is still there, she has gone. This guy was charged money for the door and for the noise and *allowed to stay*.

Christ, what will it take to have someone like that expelled from the college? If he'd raped her or killed her after breaking her door down, would getting him out of the college have been in order then? The Senior Resident on this guys floor eventually resigned partially because of the lack of action over this incident.

Or what about the guy who is prone to violent temper tantrums and to shouting abuse out his window at people walking about below (mainly at female people). I am not the only one to have had "slut!" and other abuse hurled at me from his window just because I happened to be

passing. Girls on this wanker's floor are afraid to leave their rooms when he's throwing a tantrum. He's had so many complaints laid against him that he's been on his 'last warning' for two years now. Once again, the Senior Resident on this floor resigned (mid-year and all, with all the inconvenience and room changing involved) at least partially because of the lack of action taken. For those who don't know; Senior Resident are entitled to mega privileges and status in exchange for their duties. For one to leave something has to be seriously wrong.

As for the rest of your letter "to ensure that our residences are safe for all students, particularly for women students..." Right, that's why all 5 buildings of B&G can be entered by just anybody—who can forget the loony who used to sleep in our TV room? He seemed fairly harmless, but what if he hadn't been? Or the vagrant who used to sleep in a B&G bath on the ground floor of C block? And no doubt that's why the road between the kitchens and the laundry is a specially designed rapists dream. Lots of people do their washing in the middle of the night due to the congestion and queues during the day. It's only a matter of time until someone is attacked doing their washing late at night, assuming of course that it hasn't happened already. People who have lived at B&G longer than me tell me the washing machines used to be on each floor, but were ripped out so they could be replaced by those washing machines downstairs in the laundry block that you have to pay to use. Of course, having a washing machine on each floor was probably safer for the girls, but who cares if someone gets raped as long as it's in the name of increased revenue?

And it goes on: "All residences have senior students who function as local sexual harassment contacts, who both raise awareness about and report on incidences of sexual harassment,

sexual assault or rape." I have no idea to whom you could be referring. A sign was put up a few days ago naming *one* contact (and cynicism tells me that this was done after the publishing of the college correspondents column in *Woroni* #10). Before this sign was put up no-one had any idea that a person with such a role existed. In three years I've never had my awareness raised by B&G. Was the role invented *after* you sent the letter off, so you couldn't be accused of being uncaring, or even of being a liar?

"Rapes or sexual assaults in residences, which are rare..." which are *rare*? which are *rare*? Good god, you guys really live in fairy land, don't you? Rapes in college are not rare, not even in B&G. I'd laugh, but I've run out of energy.

As for these rapes being "publicised within and between the residences in the interests of other students' safety..." once again, in three years I've never heard a-peep, and I know of several rapes on Daley Road which were reported in that time.

However, it's funny how the rash of the peeping toms in the showers during 1991 had such a low profile. There was no great publicity or encouragement to report them, despite the widespread nature of these incidents and the extraordinary vulnerability of college girls to such harassment. Friends of mine who reported incidents met with an unconcerned attitude from the office staff. This *is* serious. This is not only a form of sexual assault, it also poses a significant potential threat to girls trapped in a shower with some guy outside looking at them. What if he decides he likes what he sees. What's to stop him breaking the door down? Not Neil Rodgers, that's for sure.

Your concern for the problem comes better late than never, however I can't help suspending my belief until we see proof of a change in attitude.

Annoyed B&G Resident

STUDENT ASSOCIATION LANDCARE PROJECT

September 12th & 13th, 9.30 a.m.

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If you think a day or two in spring sunshine spent planting trees in and around a badly degraded creekbed sounds like a worthwhile activity, then the ANU Students' Landcare Project may be for you. On the weekend of the 12th and 13th of September your help in planting 2500 native trees would be warmly received.

We have been allocated two areas of land that contain creeks which flow into the Murrumbidgee immediately above and immediately below Kambah Pool. Both sites suffer from severe gully erosion which is the result of the removal of the native vegetation and pressure from overgrazing. Trees and shrubs which are native to the area are being supplied by the ACT Parks and Conservation Service and will be planted to prevent further degradation, to rehabilitate the damage that has already occurred and to encourage native

wildlife back into the area.

Many hands make light work so bring a friend, your own packed lunch and/or meat for the barbie and something to drink.

Please write your name and phone number on the 'Landcare Treeplanting List' and specify which day you would like to help out. This list will be on the desk of the Environment Officer in the SA offices. If you have space in your car or need a space in someone's car please meet on 'The Bridge' (next to the SA office) at 2 p.m. on Thursday the 10th of September to arrange car pooling, or get a message to Danny, Morgan or Chris by Thursday night.

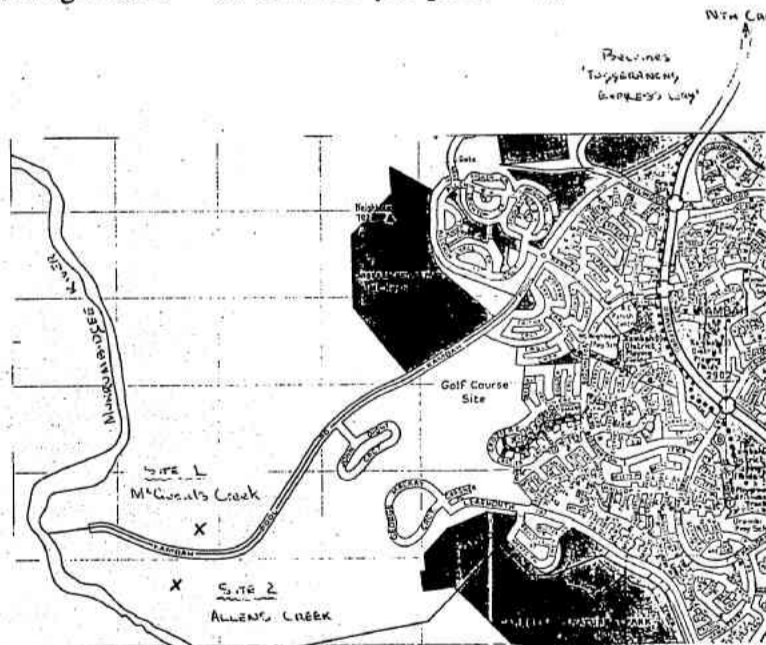
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For those students who are interested you can be sponsored for each tree you plant. Every

cent raised will be used to support a landowner awareness program which is operating in Papua New-Guinea. This program gives local people the information and skills that they need to continue to farm their land sustainably in a dramatically changing economic and social environment. Make your trees count twice by picking up a sponsorship form from the Environment Officers table in the Student Association, and ask your friends, family or even complete strangers to sponsor you.

If you have any problems or queries please contact ; Danny McAvoy on 2496040, Morgan Janson on 2479307 or Chris Hicks on 2486989.

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The Campus Bits

SA AGM and GM

The much awaited and frequently inquorate AGM was finally held on Thursday 27th of August. The Presidents report for 1991 was read by Dave Wawn (SA Treasurer 1991) and was passed. 1991 SA President Liz O'Leary missed her plane from Sydney and so was unable to attend. Immediately after the AGM closed a General Meeting was opened, but found to be inquorate after the Presidents Report had been read and questions taken from the floor.

Pokies at the Union

A story by one of the student reporters in the second finest publication on this campus (*ANU Reporter*, naturally) tells me that pokies may well be introduced soon to the Union. A change like this would mean a separate area of the Union would have to be created to ensure that members signed in, and that no people under the 18 were on the premises she breathlessly quoted verbatim. Students will be asked their feelings on this and other matters in a survey to be circulated by the Union board "soon".

Needle Disposal Units

Needle disposal bins have been moved from their position out in the open near the sinks, into the toilet cubicles, so they can be utilised in privacy.

Union Elections Imminent

By the time you read this, nominations for the Union Board elections will have closed (they close on Monday 31 August at 12.30). The election will be held from Tuesday, 15th of September to Thursday, 17th of September and polling will take place each day from 11am until 4pm. All students are members of the Union and are eligible to vote in this election. There will be more information on polling places and candidates in the next edition of *Woroni*.

SA Elections Looming

Students' Association elections are also on the horizon. Interested parties should have their nominations in by noon Monday, 14th of September. Nominations can be placed in the locked ballot box in the SA between 9.30am and 3.30pm each day until then. The election edition of *Woroni* will be out 14th October. This will feature an election supplement with blurbs and platforms and suchlike from the various parties and is usually a real zinger.

Loans scheme

Certain changes have been made to Austudy as part of the Federal Budget for 1992. Some say these changes are good, some say they are bad, most are relieved that it wasn't worse. One the most controversial aspect of the changes is the introduction of a loans scheme whereby Austudy could be 'traded in' for a loan worth twice as much. Watch for a comprehensive story in a future *Woroni*. Anyone who would like to write this story please come up to the office and let us know.

Law School Frolics

ANU Law school students have made the *Canberra Times* for the zillionth time, this time by being threatened with legal action by one of their lecturers for complaining about what they thought of as the use of an inappropriate example in teaching. Watch for more in the unravelling of this obviously highly complex case. I don't want to say too much else for fear of the big D (defamation) and because I've run out of space.

Au Revoir,
The Campus Bit

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CHRISTIANITY

This is the first in what I hope will be a regular series of Christian columns in *Woroni*. The purpose of this column is to try to present a great many different views about Christianity from different Christian perspectives. The Christian church is divided into many different denominations all with their own particular doctrines and beliefs, variations, if you like, on the basic theme of Christianity. My aim is to get representatives from all these various denominations to write a piece from their perspective and thus to present, over a series of articles, a balanced view of what Christianity is about. By baptism I am a Roman Catholic, but the views that I want to present in this issue are not presented from a strictly Catholic perspective but rather from a personal perspective on Christianity.

If anybody would like to contribute thoughts or criticisms then they are most welcome to contact me on 279-4359 or in room DEN3 at Ursula College.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son"

John 3:16 Christianity, to me, is not so much a religion in the traditional sense of that word, but more a way of life. Indeed there are constant references in Christ's teaching to life:

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" John 14:6

"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full"

John 10:10 So what then is this "life" that is Christianity? Let us look at Jesus' commandment:

"Love one another as I have loved you" John 15:12

Which, in turn, begs the question: "How did Jesus love us?" Jesus' love was perfect and all encompassing because He was God, His was the greatest love of all. And what then did Jesus say was the greatest

love of all?

"No greater love hath a man than to lay down his life for his friends"

John 15:13

Which is precisely what Christ did, dying on the cross.

And so Christians are called on to lay down their lives for their friends. To me this does not necessarily mean dying physically for them - although that may be required of us - rather it is the giving of yourself in love for the good of others. In this way Christianity is a lifestyle, it is the giving of yourself entirely for the good of others.

And it is in this way that Christians give glory to God because Jesus said:

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers that you do unto Me"

Matthew 25:45

So in giving of their lives to others Christians are giving of their lives to Christ.

This then is my ideal of Christianity, but I dare say that there are very few who live up to that ideal. I know I don't. Indeed those who have been that selfless in the past have generally become Saints or are admired as the Saints are. However not all of us are saints and we often fall far short of the ideal. It is here that the great love of God manifests itself in the most obvious way. For no matter how often we fail, if we turn to God again in sorrow, He will always take us back and we are called on to do the same for those who wrong us. And so I see Christianity not so much as a religion but as a life, a life that will be eternal promised us in the completion of the quote with which I opened:

"that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Chris Young.

College Correspondent

Well, as this is a bluestocking issue of *Woroni* I thought now would be a good time to look at how women in our halls of residence are feeling. I talked with women from several colleges and there were several recurring themes. However some colleges were, like all things, more equal than others.

Some colleges, such as Burgmann, have made an effort to deal with problems that women face in college by appointing tutors or senior residents available to help with women's issues. In B&G the tutor body appears to have a female majority, and most colleges seem to have a reasonable gender balance in both administrative and academic levels.

On the sporting field women would appear to be somewhat less important. However, in Burgmann the women are widely credited with winning last year's sport shield for the college (and having seen them in action I can tell you that they are pretty damn good). While there is a wide variety of sports available for women in interhall competition I have noticed that sometimes the technique of referring to the men's comp as say, 'soccer' but the women's as 'women's' (or girls') soccer is used as a subtle (or not so subtle) form of denigration. I would suggest that crowds for women's sports would be markedly smaller than the men's. But many colleges seem to be on the way to sporting equality.

On a college by college basis, the political representation is very uneven. In Burgmann, the Burgmann Residents' Assoc. (or BRA !!!) is currently dominated by men. The only women on the executive at present are two first year whips who do much work for little credit. The Assoc. has had few female presidents. At John XXIII, there have been some female presidents, but the rugby network appears to be in power at present. At Ursula, as one would expect from a place run by the *bonne soeurs*, there is felt to be pretty much equal representation, and the same situation seems to exist in B&G. Bruce also has fairly even representation.

There would appear to be sexism of a covert, and therefore more insidious and harder to

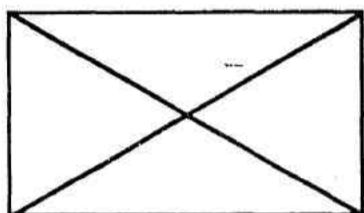
eradicate, nature at work on Daley Rd. Many meetings are held where women feel uncomfortable, where physical superiority is used to cower all opposition. The boys' school atmosphere that seems to be rampant in some parts is very effective in disenfranchising women, even when the women are a numerical majority.

This year's campaigns against sexual harassment and for improved campus safety have been treated as jokes, or marginalised as a thing that happens to other people. Even though men have been attacked between Uni and the colleges, even though administrations have recognised it as an important issue, it is still seen largely as a women's problem. The use of comments such as 'oh, you made it home without being raped' is widespread and are usually directed at women. The inability of the CASH posters to stay on the walls for extended periods of time illustrate a rather intolerant attitude.

The 'socially permissible' use (or abuse) of alcohol is also an area in which a double standard is applied. Theories such as sporty women can drink but nice girls don't get drunk, and the 'fact' that if men are drunk and sleazy they are heroes but women who do the same are sluts, are numerous.

A theory that occurred to me as I was writing this (at this point I tender apologies to Toad and Fenner for the time constraints that forced me to exclude them) was that the colleges with a less discriminating culture are those that are run by the university, as opposed to the affiliated colleges. Maybe it is the administration of these institutions, or maybe it is the students they attract. What ever the cause, I am forced to wonder why it is that women who live on one end of Daley Rd are forced to put up with archaic attitudes in what is after all, their own home. And what can be done about it? While I realise that most college students arrive with their value systems and attitudes already formed, it appears that those who value women as equals all choose to live in certain colleges, and the less tolerant among us appear to want to live together. This situation can and must be remedied, before it is too late, as it may already be for too many people.

Classic Corner



By Snowy

Some of my fello philosophers have suggested that the wall clock in the bar be replaced. I reckon they're right.

As the British motorcycle industry collapsed, Norton soldiered on into the seventies with the Commando. One of the many variants, designed specifically to appeal to those in the US market who wanted the 850 street-chopper from factory (a la Easy Rider) was the Hi-Rider, released in 1973. In deference to the women's issue I include a copy of the famous Norton advertisement known as the "Lady Godiva" poster*.

According to the Australian Motorcycle News magazine, vol 42 #6, Norton's rotary racer won this year's senior TT race at the Isle of Man, with the fastest-ever race time, and may well be a serious contender for the world superbike championship next year.

Once again, I wish to leave you thinking. I exhort all those critics of Woroni's (Rodney et al) to take a leaf out of my book...Don't Get Mad-Get Even. Use your talents creatively and contribute regularly to your student newspaper. Write your own columns on things of interest to your fellow students instead of shafting the paper for not supplying your wants. As much as I like to have my say, express my opinions, and disseminate my own philosophy. I welcome constructive criticism for the bigger the faults pointed out, the more room there is to change my evil ways.

*Note that the horse in question is an Iron Horse. Those familiar with Motorhead's lyrics will know that an Iron Horse is a bike. Iron Horse is Alive.

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Forms are available from the undersigned and should be lodged at the Registered Office, 76-84 Bay Street, Broadway, 2007, by 2 pm on Friday 11th September, 1992.

Members are advised that 10th September is the last date for resolutions for the Annual General Meeting to be received at the Registered Office.

Yours faithfully,
Colin Bain
Company Secretary.



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ASSOCIATION UPDATE

By Amanda Chadwick and Andrew Pearson

Amanda Chadwick and Andrew Pearson are the President and Treasurer of the Students' Association. They can be contacted through the Association's offices on the first floor of the Union Building, or on 249 2444 (bh).

New Federal Budget

The supposedly vote winning budget of the current government was announced on the 18th August. It contained little joy for University students. The TAFE sector was boosted whilst Universities received no respite. For students the now infamous 'loan scheme' was introduced.

What does this actually mean....

The age of 'independence' has been lowered. That means that the age where your income and not your parents is the issue has been reduced. The announcements say 22 to be the new age of independence. However the move from the current 25 to 22 is to be gradual. In 1993 the age of independence is 24!

A few facts

For those receiving very low rates of AUSTUDY you may not be eligible next year.

The adjusted total parental income has been lowered to a cut off point of \$41,866. The actual grants have not been adjusted

An example of how it will work..

to increase your total income by \$2000 you have to give away \$2000 of your grant entitlement-that is borrow \$4000.

A study conducted by the student financial advisers network (SFAN) shows that unless you plan to hold the loan for a long period or never reach an income level of \$25000+ then taking an equivalent amount out on BankCard could leave you ahead financially. Bankcard becomes less attractive if you hold the loan for over 5 years.

Why student movements are opposing the changes. Firstly I personally believe it is a poverty trap for students of the future, rather than addressing the issue that AUSTUDY is not a living allowance and the absolute grant should be increased to a level at least comparable to the dole. Government has hidden student poverty by forcing students to take out loans in order to get through the academic year. I believe that the adoption of the loan scheme now sets a ceiling for AUSTUDY grants. The scheme dangerously undermines long term student incomes. Governments will not increase the grant for years to come. Ad a Liberal government would be in a position to place interests rates on the loans.....

So read everything come and see the Welfare Officer Anne McCusker to check out all your options. It may be that all you need in a University low interest loan, or if

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you received ACT Housing trust of rent relief, your financial problems would be relieved.

Housing

As most students would know by now a two month moratorium has been obtained for students currently in University houses. We believe students should be involved in this decision making process. The SA has suggested some alternatives which are now being explored such as could the University or some other body rent houses and then sublet to students. The last two weeks have been used to begin the necessary inf gathering before we can begin. Hopefully that's done now. Any one interested in being involved a regular meeting is held in the the SA every Wednesday at 5pm or leave your name and number with the Secretary, Sebastian.

Changes in Enrollment and Admissions

The method of enrollment looks set to be changed. The proposed system is not yet final-there are more than a few problems to be resolved. The current system leads to error and large amounts of human resources. Hopefully a way can be found where students can get all the help that they need to enrol and yet the errors and associated distress can be avoided. Earlier in the year some students came and sought my assistance with problems that and errors that they had experienced. If anyone else feels that they have information that would be useful please contact me.

Parking

The 1992 round of Parking decisions has just begun. Apart from part timers wanting to be able to purchase student permits (which they currently can't do) is there anything else people want 'fixed' or discussed.

Nominations and Elections Union

Nominations for the Union have opened and shut- between Woroni's-so I hop anyone who was interested saw a sign and nominated. The Union Board election are to be held in the last week of this semester. The Union is a Student Union (or should be). The Board has ten positions for students to ensure that it is run in student interests and that the services students need can be provided at a price we can afford.

Nominations for the SA are now open.

Students who are interested in getting involved should pick up a nomination form from the SA. Polling times and conditions of membership are in the following pages. The election is to be held in the second week of next semester.

Bush Week Honour list

The Week was a huge success with great turnouts to all the events, I hope everybody took the opportunity to go to at least one event.

Special thanks should go to Dominique McCoy, President of Inter Coll and the rest of her Committee- the Bar Slug was a huge success- and of course the SA Bush Week Committee.

Prizes are now available in the SA if you have'ny already picked them up for the following enterprising students you now who you are.....

The Gnome was found by lunchtime wednesday by an enterprising bunch of Engineering students- congratulations. The participation in the bike race in various forms was awarded. And the Vampires Cup..... the Foresters have not yet presented their tally so we are yet to see who wins the keg.

Finally thanks to the various Canberra businesses who generously sponsored the week.

Exam Survey

Finally for those who are wondering what happened to your forms and where the results are..

Over 1 000 students have replied, obviously it takes while to correlate this info. I promise faithfully to have all ready by the next edition.

GM agenda

1 September 8pm Krebs Room Burton and Garren Hall

(I have been advised that the movers of motion 7 will set to have the matter put forward to motion 4-that is deal with it first)

1. President's report
2. Questions
3. confirm minutes

4."that the SA allocate all monies received in relatio to AIDs posters displayed around the Univeristy, up to an amount of \$500 to the AIDs education postr and t-shirt design competition" Moved Andrew Pearson, seconded Amanda chadwick

5. "That the ANU Students Association rejects any proposal to replace AUSTUDY in part or toatally with a loans scheme and call for the raising of AUSTUDY to a level above the poverty line and increasing access to all students"

6. Approve the 1993 budget GSF submission as printed in Woroni #8. moved andrew Pearson seconded Amanda Chadwick.

7. "Adoption of the International Student Services Constitution as regulation of the Association" moved Khoo Boo Hian.

8. The election of members to fill two casual vacancies on the Clubs and Societies Committee- Nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

9. Any other Business.



ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT #11

1993 BUDGET

Printed below is a copy of the revised draft budget for the students Association for 1993. The previous draft that was printed in Woroni #8 has had to be revised for a number of reasons. It is to be voted on at the next General Meeting of the SA which is on September 1 at the Krebb Common Room B&G Hall at 8pm.

The initial budget was prepared by the SA finance Committee in line with previous and anticipated expenses. Some changes were made in response to the need to include items that had come to our attention after the first draft was printed. Other changes were made as a result of amendments proposed by various students. Further

changes were made after consultation with the GSF Committee to whom the Draft Budget was submitted.

The GSF Committee's principal concern was that the SA would not have enough free cash to apply \$30,000 of accumulated reserves. This was because of the need to maintain a cash reserve for Accumulated Depreciation. This is a reserve that is kept to replace equipment as it gets old. The result would have been that the SA could have applied a maximum of \$10,000. We disagreed with this assessment on the basis that most of the equipment in the SA was relatively new and would not need replacing for another 2 years. We feel this would be sufficient to replace the equipment in the SA and revised the application to \$22,000.

This budget maintains the financial viability of the SA at the same level in 1991 but with a whole range of new services and more liberal funding policies. Features new to the 1993 budget are the Associations of Music and Art Students from the Institute of the Arts, funding for the International Students Service, increased spending for O'Week and Bush Week and realistic funding for Clubs and Societies.

Funding to Clubs and Societies both in the form of grants and facilities remains an integral part of the expenditure budget comprising almost 30% of the overall budget. After the problems experienced in 1991 with the inadequate funding provided to C&S this budget shows Green Alliances commitment to serving students' varied interests as they are pursued through clubs and societies.

O'week and Bush Week are two weeks of the year that most students look forward to and few forget over their time at Uni. The budget ensures that these weeks do not fade out into oblivion and reflect the increased costs associated with the large number of events held in these weeks.

The budget also makes provision for the new students of the ANU: those from ITA. ITA students pay the GSF and for 1993 will be allocated their own budgets through the Students Association. The Presidents of both the Music and Art student associations will sit on the SRC and C&S funds will be available for events organised by ITA groups.

ISSANU (International Student Service ANU) is also included in the budget. This will ensure that the elected representatives from the 1000 overseas students at the ANU will have a guaranteed source of funds. This will assist them to ensure that their struggle to maintain the standard of education for full fee paying students has some momentum. There is also some provision for ISSANU to conduct social events. Adoption of the ISSANU constitution is up for adoption at the General Meeting on Sept 1.

Conclusion

The level of GSF required by the SA for 1993 is \$98,000 or approximately \$11 per student. Green Alliance is the first student administration to bring the budget of the Association to a general meeting for approval before the University approves it. This is in sharp contrast to the secrecy of recent administrations.

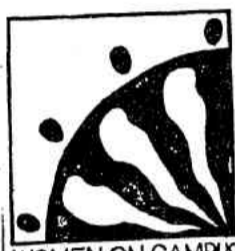
Our aim is to ensure that students know what is happening with the compulsory fees that are paid upon enrollment each year. We leave the decision open to all students and are not satisfied to leave the future of the Association in the hands of a few. Now is your chance to express your opinion. Go to the meeting at B&G on Tuesday at 8pm and vote.

ANU GSF DRAFT II 1992

	1991 \$ ACTUAL	1992 \$ BUDGET	1992 \$ ACTUAL AUG	1993 \$ BUDGET
GSF	98,100	36,900	36,900	98,000
INTEREST RECEIVED	20,799	7,000	5,000	3,000
RENTAL INCOME-SHOSHIN CENTRE	3,725	3,725	1,650	1,000
SUNDRY INCOME	4,210	2,500	1,150	2,000
COMMISSION ON SECOND HAND BOOKS	3,107	2,800	1,700	2,800
TOTAL INCOME	129,941	52,934	46,409	106,800
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
AUDIT & ACCOUNTANCY FEES	4,055	4,000	1,500	4,800
BAD & DOUBTFUL DEBTS	743	700	350	1,000
BANK CHARGES	735	400	135	400
CONFERENCES & TRAVEL	0	300	900	450
DEPRECIATION	6,798	6,798	3,400	7,500
ELECTION EXPENSES - RETURNING OFFICER	800	800	0	0
EXPENSES	349	350	20	350
LEASE PAYMENTS	2,224	0	0	0
LEGAL EXPENSES	720	700	350	700
MEETING EXPENSES	155	155	200	100
OFFICE SALARIES	29,820	26,500	15,550	26,500
OFFICE EXPENSES	3,020	3,000	1,800	3,200
POSTAGE & TELEPHONE	6,316	6,000	2,800	6,000
PRESIDENTIAL ALLOWANCE	8,005	8,000	4,240	8,000
PRINTING & STATIONERY	2,006	2,200	1,300	2,200
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	320	2,710	2,700	3,500
SUNDRY	0	0	565	500
SUPERANNAUTION	1,325	1,325	585	1,600
INSURANCE	0	0	600	600
WORKERS COMPENSATION	160	160	160	160
SURPLUS (DEFECIT) ON SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	67,551	64,098	37,155	67,560
WORON	(13,266)	(18,750)	(10,369)	(17,600)
LENNOX HOUSE	3,742	3,742	0	0
ORIENTATION WEEK	1,389	(5,145)	(7,000)	(5,000)
PARSA	1,258	0	0	0
BUSH WEEK	(1,635)	(2,000)	(3,500)	(3,500)
ISIC CARDS	1,278	0	0	0
ITA STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS	0	0	0	(1,200)
MUSIC	0	0	0	(1,200)
ART	0	0	0	(1,200)
EXPENDITURE ON C&S	(13,773)	(20,000)	(17,000)	(25,000)
GRANTS	(6,827)	(10,000)	(4,100)	(6,000)
OTHER				
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	95,385	116,251	79,124	127,060
SURPLUS BEFORE ABNORMAL ITEMS	34,556	(63,317)	(32,715)	(20,260)
ABNORMAL ITEMS 1991 & 1992				
LEGAL SETTLEMENT 1990	6,555			
CLUBS AND SOCIETIES	23,717	15,733	5,000	0
OVERSEAS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION		4,000	1,000	2,000
ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING 1991		1,500	1,500	0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE				
PHOTOCOPIER	9,310	10,000		0
COMPUTER	3,464	5,100	5,100	0
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		350		
APPLICATION OF RESERVES	0	100,000	50,000	22,000
FINAL SURPLUS (DEFECIT)	(8,490)	0	4,685	(260)

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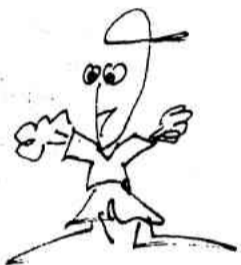
Meetings:
Mondays 1pm
Rapunzel
Room

All women
welcome

Wimmin all over the world are united in
the struggle for equal choice and freedom of
speech!

Those opposing this change are merely resisting the
strong, assertive, independent wimmin who threaten
the patriarchal systems which reject
the FACT that we are ALL EQUAL

let's be ANTI-anti!!!



Feel Good if U are Challenging the Social NORM?

"The critics of P's entry into
uni's were concerned mainly with
whether or not such intellectual
pursuits would decreate a P's
capacity to fulfil her
maternal responsibilities"
(326 Damn ed whores
by Ann Summers)

Bluestockings

The term originally applied to ♂ and ♀ in the 1750's
who attended literary discussions in preference to
card playing gatherings. Blue stocking applied to the
♂ casual dress of the blue stockings which they
wore in preference to the formal black silk stockings. By
the 1790's the term had become a derogatory label
applied to ♀ with literary or intellectual interests. This
was seen by many to be an incorrect and unnatural activity
for ♀ !!!!

Bluestocking week is a time to look back at the
history of ♀ in education, especially higher education.
Celebrate our education opportunities and future
prospects for ♀ and ♂ in education.

We are here! ☺

Education For All!

Look for lectures, tutors, heads of
departments, students in everything,
administrations....
Everything!

IS TOO EASY, SO THINK ABOUT
YOUR ASSUMPTIONS AND
HOW THEY WILL GROW UP
AND SHOUTING

Consider.....

Parenting - child carer - (♂ & ♀ BOTH!)
Career - child care on campus
part-time work ? part-time
post-grad??

Bella Guerin
the first woman to
graduate in Australia!
B.A., Melbourne
1883

Look at the
on this campus. ♀
where are we?
What do we all do?
LOTS of different things!!

Women in education
part of Freedom
for ALL individuals
half so op d
wish with
their lives

Adelaide was the first
Australian uni to admit
♀ in 1874. Sydney
was the last in 1881.



FIGHT
FOR THE
RIGHT TO
BE!

The Lesbian Page

edited by Emma Partridge and Bridget Gilmour-Walsh.

Howdy. Well we both had a great weekend in Sydney at Queer Collaborations (full report next issue) and now need to catch up on some sleep. As a result, the brains are not yet in gear enough to pen a highly original and witty column, so we've decided to plagiarise. What follows is an article about the experiences of two young lesbians which we thought was brave, honest and cute, and which we thought we'd share with you. Credit due to *Judy's Punch* magazine.

ACT UP New York sticker by Adam Ralston, 1989



It has always been in the back of my mind. Covering it up with token boyfriends hasn't changed anything. Ok, I was definitely a lesbian- so what do I do now?

Once I realised, things made sense that hadn't previously. But I knew that once I got out of that first hopeless crush, I was rather stuck. What is a fourteen year old lesbian woman meant to do?

As two lesbian womyn still in our teens, our primary hassle, particularly when we were at school, was the overwhelming feeling of complete isolation. Knowing no-one else we could identify with, compare notes with, talk to about our problems, was a real issue, whether in school or out, without a support group like the lesbian collective on campus.

Womyn loving womyn is a beautiful, loving and sometimes hectic way of expressing one's sexuality. Unfortunately, heterosexist patriarchy insists on denying that choice, presenting an oppressed version of heterosexuality as the only option. Lesbianism or any other version of sexuality that diverges from this imposed self called 'norm' is marginalised, hidden, or labelled in incredibly misleading ways. This creates the substantial pressures on womyn who are attracted to other womyn to any degree, especially younger womyn who don't have the access to resources or the self-confidence that older womyn may have. This was indeed the case for us, and it is only now that we are adults, that we have been able to define our sexuality for ourselves and be happy in our emotions. The struggle was worth it! We have found that there is absolutely no reason to be constrained by what society tells us to do with our emotions and our bodies, and that loving womyn is indeed the warm positive force that we always hoped it would be.

We found that the closest friends who might actually react well when told how we feel, and might actually sympathise, aren't much help. They could try, we could cry on their shoulders, explain our loneliness over endless cups of coffee, but their advice always seemed vastly inappropriate.

Unfortunately, not all friends react well. We tend to be afraid of telling our friends, afraid that they will react badly.

I finally gathered up the courage to tell my best friend. I'd been nervous about it, and afraid she'd react badly. In fact she couldn't have been better (she was hurt that I hadn't been attracted to her. Later, however, she began to treat me as a curiosity. Once we were both a bit drunk and she said she wanted to get on with me "just to see what it was like". I was hurt- she seemed to have no regard for my feelings. To her, lesbianism was a curiosity, not a part of my self identity.

Many of our female friends and acquaintances felt rather discomforted by our presence, feeling that we were 'after them' - predatory, unfeeling, rampaging libidos.

Others considered it a curiosity, and eventually one becomes sick of answering the same questions, however strong our desire to break down the stereotypes. Some male friends take it as either a personal affront ("Gee it's a pity you're a dyke") or saw us as an ally. They wondered why we were so offended by their sexist attitudes, as though we were "one of the boys".

Regardless of their age, many lesbians feel apprehensive through to terrified of taking the next step in 'coming out' - telling their parents.

Even without telling my parents I was gay, when I told my mother that some of my friends at Uni were lesbians, her immediate reaction was "Just don't become too close to them" as though I could be influenced by them, they might force themselves on me.

Parents will always be afraid, whether they accept our lesbianism or not, that we will be cutting off our options. "Don't commit yourself too soon" they say "in case you change your mind and want a boyfriend." Mind you, they never say the reverse to straight daughters.

Our involvement with feminism is also tied in with this idea that we are seeking the company of our kind, who share our prejudices, as though it is we who are being narrow minded and conventional.

To tell one's parents is to go past the point of no return- once you've said it, that's it. Sometimes we are afraid, not that they will react badly, but of the unknown, it's sometimes hard to know how they will react.

Even the ones who outwardly say "whatever makes you happy, dear" will worry where they "went wrong", or feel that our sexuality is a direct criticism of their lifestyle and relationship.

To be a teenage lesbian womyn may be synonymous with isolation from other lesbian womyn. Adolescence for heterosexuals is usually a time of experimenting, learning about relationships, how to behave in them. Our experience is that the lesbian womyn in her Year 11 or 12 class will often be the only one in that class. Unless she has the rare good fortune to find another lesbian womyn of a similar age for support or rarer still, a relationship, she will feel isolated, as we did, and inexperienced later on. This isolation will encourage her to take whatever chances of a relationship she can, whether they are really compatible with the other or not, and that relationship will often be furtive and constricted, unable to grow freely.



Susan Stewart from *Kiss & Tell*

I had no role models, and as I discovered in my first relationship, no guidelines or how to act in them. I was the only dyke I knew, and let's face it, if you don't conform to the attractive heterosexual norm the media doesn't want to know you.

There were two words for my situation at school - tentativeness and isolation. I remember feeling unable to be affectionate with my friends, for fear it would develop and I always hoped the womyn I had crushes on were lesbian womyn (they never were) I couldn't assume the way heterosexuals can assume the person they are attracted to is straight.

Finally, after what seems a very long time, we hit uni., or maybe off-campus feminist or 'bar-dyke' scenes, and we discovered to our great lack of surprise that there is indeed a lesbian community, a whole support network of friends, and it's been going on for years without us.

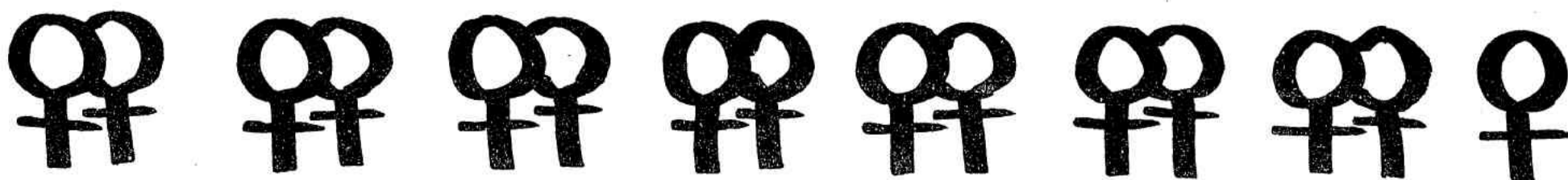
Now, new problems set in. We are no longer trapped in isolation, inexperience and fear. We still face the problems and confrontations inherent in 'coming out', and we also feel the pressure to categorise ourselves as lesbians in a heterosexist world that cannot deal with people being anything but one or the other.

The stereotyped media image of the 'butch dyke' or the androgynous 'manly' womyn in crewcuts and tailored suits pervades the back of our minds no matter how often we tell ourselves that it doesn't matter if we don't fit the image. For some obscure reason we sometimes feel the need to fit that stereotype, despite our new friends assurances that it doesn't matter.

Whatever we choose to do about our sexuality, choosing the label 'lesbian' or not, whether our primary attraction is to womyn or not, is something entirely up to the individual. It is only this heterosexist society that demands that we be one or the other.

We can still be affectionate with friends, as friends, without guilt. We have already suffered isolation, questioned ourselves endlessly, and maybe fumbled through our first few tentative relationships, fearing that this meant commitment to a rigid sexuality. We have fervently hoped that the womyn we were attracted to were indeed lesbian womyn. There is no reason why we should have to put up with these negative situations and feelings. However, despite the support offered by lesbian womyn and other womyn, young lesbian womyn look like being isolated from the larger society until heterosexist patriarchal attitudes are finally broken down.

For info, help and support, phone Lesbian Line A.C.T on 2478882. Or contact either of us through Woroni or the Students Assoc. Lots of hugs, E & B x



A Modern Girl's

What is Science?

Science is the name we give to a set of practices and a body of knowledge delineated by a community, not simply defined by the exigencies of logical proof and experimental verification. Similarly, masculine and feminine are categories defined by a culture, not by biological necessity. Women, men, and science are created, together, out of a complex dynamic of interwoven cognitive, emotional, political, and social forces. Many recent philosophers and scientists have written about this fundamental grounding of science in society; however, those deeply entrenched (like many lecturers here at ANU) often 'forget' this or do not acknowledge it as important to their research, regarding it as philosophy and not having to do with 'their' science. I would like to comment on the influences of Western scientific thought and the possibilities to change or adapt modern science to a new paradigm that is conscious of its roles and influence upon society.

Science and the Body

Western science has had a confused attitude towards the female body. 'Nature' is often symbolized as female, and the activity of scientific inquiry represents the uncovering of the secrets of the female naked body. At the same time, the bodies of real women have been regarded with fear, and a great deal of intellectual effort has gone into searching for evidence of their inferiority to the male body.

Feminists, in general, have attempted to deconstruct this women/nature relation, arguing that women's bodies have few, if any, biological differences from men that are significant enough to merit the rampant sexual divisions in society. Similarly, the prevailing dualistic thought of today has polarized society and scientific thought into mind/body, objec-

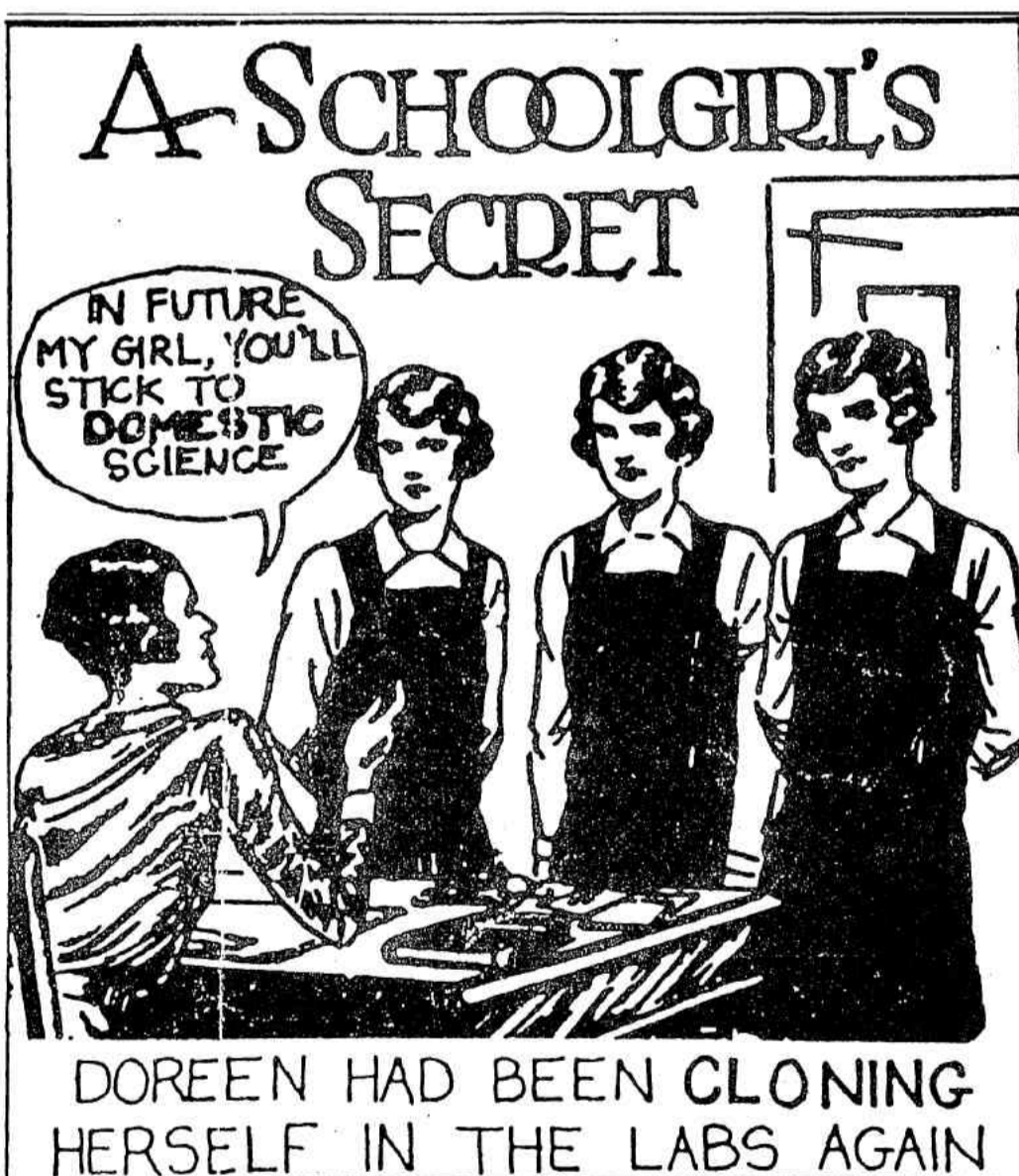
tive/subjective and man/woman dualisms, placing a higher value on the left hand term of each pair. In addition, these dualisms have been gendered and science has traditionally associated itself with the masculine side of these dualisms. Therefore, science, as a masculine pursuit, seeks to define nature and the

tive'; therefore, the term *perspective* does not apply to it. The decisions, either conscious or unconscious, regarding what questions are asked, who is allowed to do the asking, what information is collected, and who interprets that information create a particular vantage point from which the knowledge or truth is perceived.

Historians of science, like Thomas Kuhn, have pointed out that scientific theories are not objective and value-free, but are paradigms that reflect the historical and social context in which they are embedded.

A studied example is the evident Victorian society morals which clearly influenced Darwin's 'discovery' of his theory of evolution whereby the natural world is seen as competitive and hierarchical (surprisingly just like society!).

Let the data speak for themselves, scientists demand. The problem with this argument is, of course, that data never does speak for itself. In other words, the traditional belief in objectivity blinds scientists from seeing that the scientific method is inherently subjective to the particular researcher.



Science and Gender

Having divided the world into two parts - the knower (mind) and the knowable (nature) - scientific ideology goes on to prescribe a very specific relation between the two. Not only are the mind and nature assigned gender, but in characterizing scientific and objective thought as masculine, the very activity by which the knower can acquire knowledge is also genderized.

Science and Objectivity

In science it is rarely admitted that data has been gathered and interpreted from a particular perspective. Science describes reality and is presumed 'objec-

Guide to Science

Not only does our characterization of science thereby become coloured by these biases of patriarchy and sexism, but simultaneously our evaluation of masculine and feminine becomes affected by the cultural prestige of science. A circular process of mutual reinforcement is established in which what is called scientific receives extra validation from the cultural preference since it is considered masculine. As we start to understand the ways in which science itself has been influenced by this conscious or unconscious mythology, we can begin to perceive the possibilities for a science not bound by such mythology: what some would call a 'feminist science'. Not only would science become more accessible to women but, far more importantly, our very conception of 'objective' would be inherently challenged.

A Feminist Science?

Recent theorists, such as Sandra Harding, have explored the possibility of creating such a thing as 'feminist science'. I believe that women can offer a different perspective which has (and will continue to) enrich science and pose many new questions. I don't believe that the goals of science are principally about unraveling Nature's secrets into indisputable truths, but about creating ordered reflections of reality that we can understand and control. In fact it would seem that our whole conception of knowledge and truth must be questioned, rather than taken as 'facts'. Michel Foucault is one theorist who explores this, he writes: "one could say that truth is not a collection of insights or information floating about, parts of which are sooner or later revealed or discovered, nor does it lie deep within us waiting to be freed. Truth is produced through discourse (based in science upon 'proper' scientific methods and investigations) and its production is involved with relations of

power." In this way, it is clear that the fresh perspective that women could bring science has the potential to challenge the traditional conceptions of science.

How then, if by some accounts science itself is synonymous with a masculine way of viewing the world, can it be changed by a feminist perspective? Is reconceptualization necessary or even possible? Yes, I think that it is possible and that the first step towards reconceptualization is having more women scientists. Although I am not naive enough to believe that all women in science will become feminists (particularly since we have been trained in the traditional masculine way of thinking about science), I do think that enough women to form a critical mass is important. It was not until a large number of women were working in the other academic disciplines for a lengthy period of time that changes began to occur within them. As more women enter these previously male-dominated disciplines, we bring new ideas, approaches, and methodologies to previously considered questions. Therefore, this reconceptualization is not so much about creating a 'new' science, but reinterpreting old paradigm beliefs within a new, less constrained methodology.

Women scientists who challenge the current methods, theories, and hierarchies run many risks: they are told that they are not really scientists; pure science is 'objective' and is not biased by issues such as gender, race, or limited access. They are told that one reason for the lack of any great women scientists is that women in science have often been distracted by their ancillary interests (like having children), which detracts from their basic research capacities. They are told that in order to survive in the scientific world at all, since they are women, they must work harder and concentrate only on traditional scientific research. They must choose between having a family and having a scientific career, and should avoid any involvement in women's studies or the women's movement. In short,

being a scientist seems synonymous with accepting the masculine perspective of the world, so that women in science are find themselves in a contradictory position of being both a woman and a scientist.

A New Direction?

So deeply entrenched is the belief in the laws of nature as the primary object of scientific inquiry that it is difficult at first glance to imagine any other. Yet reflection uncovers such an alternative. The concept of order which is a holistic approach to science seems a promising new direction. The basis of this approach is a conception of the order of things which is broader and less mechanistic than the traditional scientific paradigm which employs a reductionist model seeking to 'discover' the laws of nature. This new approach has the potential to be free from the coercive, hierarchical, and atomistic characteristics of traditional masculine science.

Therefore, an interest in order rather than law could imply far-reaching changes for our conception of science. Most directly, it would imply a shift in the focus of scientific inquiry from the pursuit of unified laws of nature to an interest in the multiple and varied kinds of order that are possible in nature. This kind of science was postulated as a one type of 'feminist' science, but obviously a scientist need not be a feminist to develop a respect for nature which suggests a science premised on respect rather than domination, neither impotent nor coercive but, as knowledge always is, inevitably empowering.

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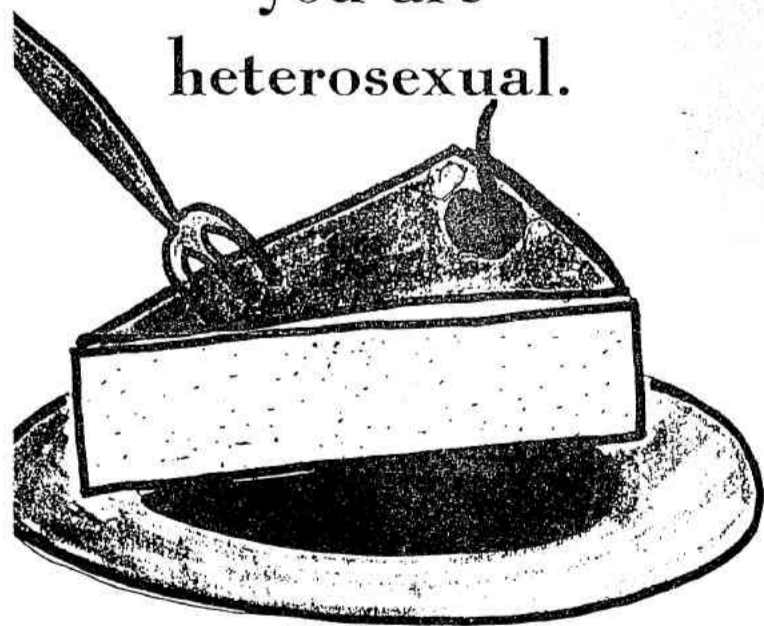
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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

GLOC UPDATE

if i do not
like
chocolate
cake and
you eat it
i do not
care. i also
do not
care that
you are
heterosexual.



do you
care that
i like
cheesecake?

Hello again. Especially to everyone out there who eagerly awaits news from other Gay and Lesbian students at ANU.

August 22nd and 23rd saw 15 students from the ANU and UCAN attend the annual QUEER COLLABORATIONS conference at the UNSW College of Fine Arts in Paddington. The weekend conference was well attended by 250 students from 41 campuses across Australia. There were 29 workshops to choose from - some of these looked at issues concerning racism, pornography, bisexuality, transsexuality, drugs, safe sex, self defence, feminism, S & M, and overcoming heterosexism.

The term Queer was used throughout the conference for two reasons. Firstly it encompasses gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals and any

other people who do not identify as being heterosexual. Secondly it reclaims the word Queer which was previously used against us. So, smile when you say QUEER.

In future Woroni's I'll be telling more about our findings from the conference and be using what we've learnt to make our meetings more informative and interesting. So be prepared for more of a gay and lesbian presence in Woroni and around campus. Remember, we make up at least 10% of the student population so lets keep each other informed and entertained.

GLOC meetings to date have been a great success with around 25 people attending. If you are gay or lesbian, or feel that you're attracted to people of the same sex, feelings that you can't explain, why not talk to other gay people and act how you want? Be proud

of yourself! The first step to gay pride is pride in yourself. Show your true nature without the shackles of guilt, which has its foundation on lies. So come and have fun with your own kind, without worry or fear. Besides, you can have a great time at picnics, meetings and other social events where no-one cares how you act!!!

Gays and Lesbians on Campus (GLOC) stand for friendship, support, picnics, social events, discussions, fun and frolics. We meet twice a month on Monday at 8 pm. Ring me on 247-4153 if you just want to talk, inquire about the group or whatever. Just remember we are everywhere and more than anything we can all relate to what it's like to be gay and lesbian and living as a student.

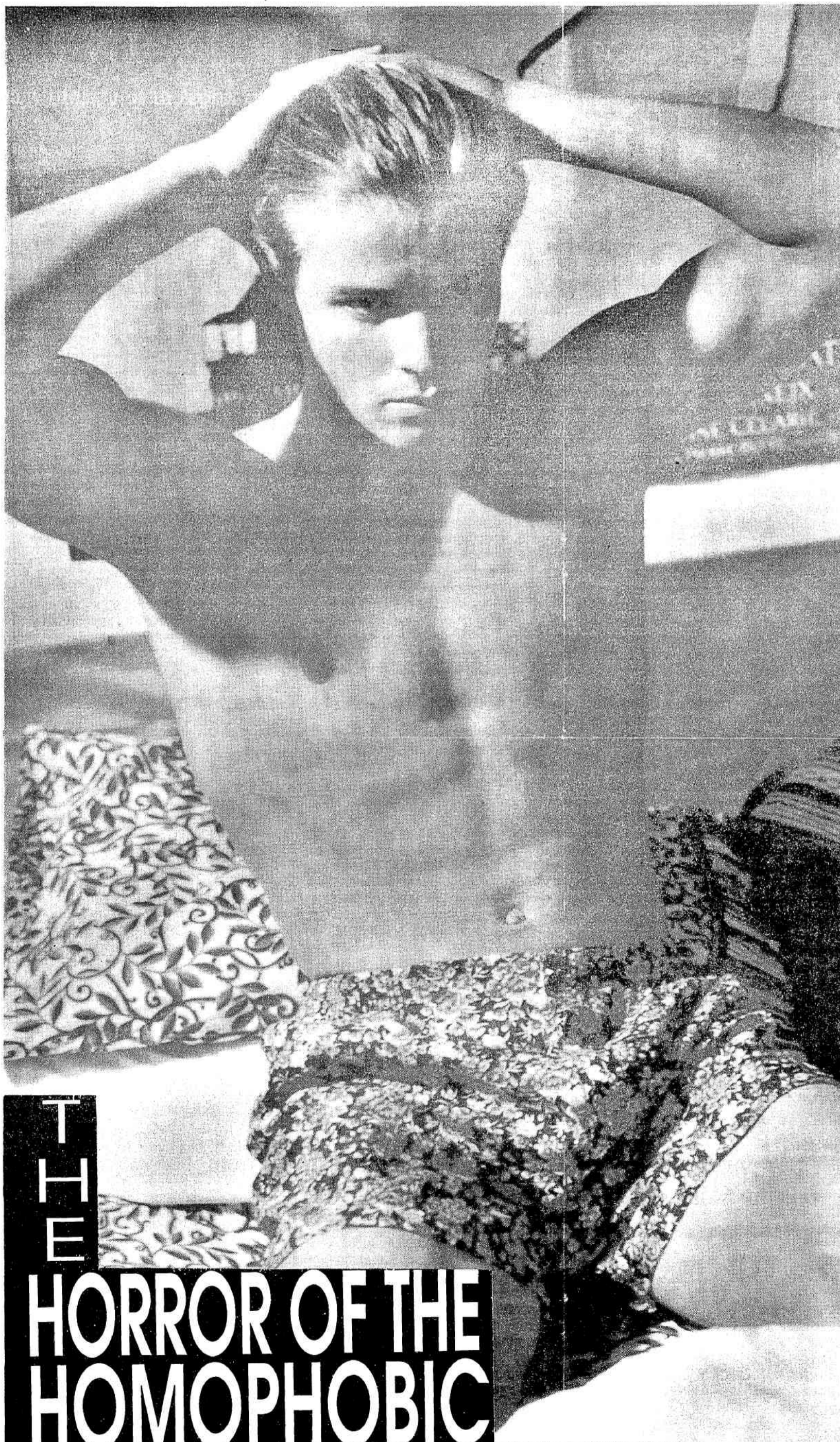
Matthew.

P.S. Here's something to think about 'til next time - a short story! ➡➡

See next issue for more on the Queer Collaborations conference (a must for all you queer students out there)!

QUEER
COLLABORATIONS





THE HORROR OF THE HOMOPHOBIC HOMOSEXUAL

Johnny was a sweet, naïve boy. Every afternoon he'd come home from university, dance into the kitchen, and there mum would be waiting with a big glass of milk and some Tim Tams. He'd gulp it all down in a rush, and race into his room, read his latest issue of "MUSCLE" and jerk off.

After this was over, he would feel more than a little guilty about his homoerotic indulgence. So to reinforce his idea of "manliness" he would ride down to the park to see his mates and to bash a few faggots.

Who can spell **HYPOCRITE** boys and girls? You see, the most vocal homophobes are usually hiding their own sexuality, or other "deep, dark, secrets".

What can we learn from this story? It appears not to have seeped into the minds of some that bashing is just not on. The point is that:

**IT IS ALRIGHT TO
BE GAY!**

See next issue of Woroni for more on the Queer Collaborations conference.

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Affection Without Infection

By Jane Keany, Campus AIDS Worker

BLUE STOCKINGS AND HIV

Blue stocking week is a time when we take stock of the position of women in tertiary education and we explore issues relevant to women's lives both on and off campus. We celebrate how far we've come and acknowledge that the battle to improve access to tertiary education is not yet won. We resolve to voice our concerns.

One of my concerns is with women and HIV/AIDS, STDs and indeed in promoting sexual health in general. Just as we have a long way to go before we are able to seek and gain access to the full academic spectrum, so we also have a distance to travel before we are able to meet our sexual needs.

Barriers to meeting our sexual needs

The barriers towards women being able to freely and fully express our sexuality are multitudinous. They are complex, ranging from structural barriers such as power relationships between the sexes and denial over women to women relationships, to practical barriers such as availability of contraception. The following list of barriers is not exhaustive:

Myths surrounding women's sexuality

Lack of knowledge about sexuality and safe sex
Availability of contraception and abortion

Negotiating relationships and sexual partners
Rape and sexual abuse
Sexual harassment
Pregnancy
Sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS
Prejudice against lesbians
Sexual difficulties and dysfunctioning
Stress/anxiety related conditions
Physical and psychological disabilities

Some other health related concerns which influence one's sexual behaviour and sexuality include:

Drug and alcohol use
Self-esteem and depression
Physical abuse and injuries
Emotional abuse
Emotional disorders

So if we're tempted to feel smug about our gains, we only have to look at the above list to put it into perspective. As well, the era of HIV/AIDS is demanding a rethinking of sex, sexuality and sexual health. Whether in attitudes to communities identified by their sexuality or in reflection of the meaning of sex in our everyday life, we are asked to take account of a virus. We are forced to address at least some of those issues.

Addressing the issues

Believing that you have the **right** to be protected, to be healthy, is probably the key to being able to address these barriers.
'Sure', I hear you say, 'I know I have the right to be healthy. I look after my diet, I go jogging, but sometimes it's embarrassing to bring up the subject of condoms, or it's too late or something'.
That's true. Unsuccessful negotiation of safe sex is a health hazard. We can get pregnant. We can catch an std which can threaten our future ability to conceive a baby. We can contract the AIDS virus (HIV).

Feeling good about ourselves, is an integral part of our being able to say and do what we want, in order to stay healthy. In the best of worlds, possessing a healthy self-esteem would go without saying. In our present stratified society in which women have become the less powerful sex, it is not always easy for women to stand up for ourselves.

I can talk about lots of ways women have tackled the tricky question of negotiating safe sex, but most of those strategies require a fair amount of tenacity to be able to stick to them without weakening under the influence of the heat of the moment. It is here that knowing your rights and believing you're worthwhile as an individual (and that you **can** survive alone), is vital to the carrying through of even the best safe sex strategies. For some women, gaining knowledge about feminism and seeking the support of feminist friends helps in developing that belief. For others, being able to rationally sort out ahead of time, what risks you're prepared to take and what you're not, is a good start. You'll never get to first base with condoms if you don't start thinking about it.

Whatever, don't be too hard on yourselves if your actions don't quite reflect your intentions. Remember, it's taken you a long time to get where you are, it'll take a long time to change. In the meantime, here are some women's responses to the age old male ruse of 'don't you trust me?'
The women had just had the temerity to suggest that a condom should be worn and their blokes had tried to wriggle out of it - so to speak. And the women argued:

'Why should I - you've been at Uni for twelve months'
'Not when you're turned on, no!'
'Do **y o u** trust **m e**?'
'How do I know whether all the people you've fucked haven't had STDs or HIV?'
'I care about my health, that's all. Do you care about yours?'
'That's emotional blackmail - piss off!'





"Far from being better in bed, good-looking people can sometimes be a lot less exciting than the rest of us, because they simply don't have to try so hard to attract attention."

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ECOS Ready for the Republic

Heaps has been happening in ECOS with good turnouts at the Thursday meetings (1pm, the Bridge). Environment Day is planned for October 9th - the first Friday back, with lots of activities planned including stalls, workshops, movies and the Home Brew Comp. It was originally planned for a whole week of activities devoted to the environment this term but due to the work piling up it's now a full on day.

You will see posters around advertising the rally protesting against Norwegian Whaling. This will be held on Friday September 4th outside the Embassy in Yarralumla. Be there if you care! (details: 12.30 pm, 17 Hunter St)

There'll be another huge rally against the destruction of our few wonderful magnificent native forests, focussing on the Diashowa company responsible for wood-chipping. This will be at the Japanese Embassy on Tuesday 15th September, 8am til 2pm (112 Empire Cct, Yarralumla). Come and show your concern.

On Sept. 20 - 25th there'll be a forest activist camp in the beautiful Ellery Creek Catchment in East Gippsland. This will be five days of action planning, activist skills workshops, future of the timber industry, small saw mill tours and forest coupe walks. For more info on this great event call Deb McIlroy on 248 6518.

Coming up in the summer it looks like there'll be a big forest protest in Tassie to protect threatened World Heritage Forests. This will be a major event due to the close proximity to the coming federal election. More info will be available closer to the time.

There's a new environment group concerned with ozone related problems (Ozone Action Group), they meet Mondays 7.30pm on the bridge, so come along.

There'll be a tree planting weekend in the Murrumbidgee Corridor, through the ANU Land Care project. Volunteers and groovy people are wanted to help, and there is a sponsorship plan to raise money for PNG forests. This weekend will be held on the 12th and 13th of September, meet outside the SA at 9am either or both mornings. For more info contact Morgan at the SA.

On 2XX there's an Enviro show from 9am - 11am on Thursday mornings. If you have a topic that the public needs to know about and would like to chat about it on air contact Tamsin on 2474698. Otherwise tune in on 1008Kz to hear more Environmental news, views and music.

One of the most noticeable aspects of our Republic 2001 Club Market Day stalls is the number of people who approach us with questions about the process of actually becoming a republic. Most people agree in principle with the idea of an Australian Republic but have some doubts as to the practical aspects involved. Over the coming weeks we will answer some of the most common questions asked about the process of becoming a republic.

Q. Wouldn't becoming a republic cost too much?

The actual process of becoming a republic won't cost very much at all when you look at it in context. If Australia chooses to become a republic the only real material change would be the redrafting of some sections of our Federal Constitution and the cost of the associated referendum. These costs and any others could be spread over any period of time suitable to the Australian people. Perhaps more importantly, significant amounts money would be saved whenever the Queen visited (as head of the Commonwealth) because the costs would come out of the British Budget and not ours!

Q. Aren't there more important issues?

It is obvious to anyone who is not a complete fool that changing to a republic will not alleviate student poverty or bring down the unemployment rate. But why do some monarchists insist on believing that Australians are only capable of looking at one issue at a time? We certainly feel comfortable looking at two, or dare we say it, *three* issues at a time! How about you?

Clearly economics has been the dominant issue in this country for far too long. Australia's politicians should be more than just econocrats. It's time for the Australian people to drag them away from their econometric models and put them to work on some issues other than economics. One of the most important of these issues is Australia's national identity! Can we truly wear the cloak of a multi-cultural nation whilst still being a branch of Great Britain incorporated?

For more information about the Republic 2001 Club please don't hesitate to contact Geoff Dunlevy or Adam Kirk - C/O Bruce Hall ANU.
Geoff Dunlevy and Andrew Barr

Student Volunteers Unlimited

So, Austudy won't feed a dog, your lecturer's a plonker, and there's no seats in your lecture hall. But if you think you've got it tough, spare a thought for the those who need a bit of support or help in just doing the ordinary things in life like shopping, reading or writing.

Student Volunteers are people just like you who go out into the community for a few hours every month, and work with the elderly, the infirm, children, and young adults who could do with a bit of your time. No stress, just give up an hour here and there, or on a regular basis if you can. We work with various groups within

the community, including Open Family and Marymead.

If you're interested in getting involved, or just want to know a bit more, we meet every second Wednesday at 12 midday, in the S.A. Our next meeting is on the 9th of September, so see you there. If you can't make it, why not chat with one of our new elected executive members who are -

President - Naomi Knight,
Vice-President - Anita Smith,
Treasurer - Rachael Eade, and
Secretary - Beeth Duncan.

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WHO HAS BALLS?

Ever wondered why the Arts Faculty is the only Faculty not to have a major social event? Arts is the biggest and grooviest of all the Faculties on campus, yet it hasn't had a Ball for over five years.
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Be whoever you want to be 'cause no-one will know it's you.

ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE

The ANU Social Tennis Club is now up and running. Lots of tennis klutzes joined up at the Market Day stall in Bush Week, but the more the merrier. So, new members, drop your name address, and phone number to the secretary at the Students' Association. Then come along to the Annual General Meeting of the club on Monday, 7th September at 6 pm on the Bridge. Those who haven't paid their membership fee (\$2.00), bring it along. We'll work out the best times for matches, vote in a committee, and plan upcoming events. For more information, phone Charlotte on 295-7038 or Michele on 279-4544.

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ANU Film Group

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Where else can you see 76 films for only \$16? At the ANU Film Group membership is open to everyone. all you have to do is join once to see all the films for this semester. Just come to the Coombes Lecture Theatre (just across from the Menzies Library) and join up.

September Films:

3rd Thursday - The Lost Boys
4th Friday - Mobsters plus The Untouchables
6th Sunday - Mr and Mrs Bridge plus The Field
8th Tuesday - Impromptu
10th Thursday - Aya
12th Saturday - Rebel Without a Cause plus East of Eden

Then, for all you Science Fiction addicts we have the Science Fiction Film Week!

14th Monday - The Stalker
15th Tuesday - The Man Who Fell to Earth plus Things to Come
17th Thursday - THX-1138 plus Liquid Sky (cult classic!!!)
18th Friday - The Lawnmower Man plus Forbidden Planet plus Dark Star

Other Films Coming up:

Basic Instinct Batman Returns
Poison Far and Away
Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer
Hearts of Darkness
Betty Blue Paris is Burning
Fried Green Tomatoes
The Famine Within

* All evening screenings begin at 8.00pm. All Sunday screenings begin at 1.30pm.

ANU Film Group : Value for Money!

THE ANU LINGUISTICS SOCIETY

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Annual

General Meeting

6pm

Wednesday

September 9th

The Bridge

to elect a Committee for the rest of the year.
to arrange the 'Quiz and Games Night', which will be in the first week of fourth term.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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A Question of Balance

a summary of the recent report of the National Women's Consultative Council

by Jane Rawson

A Question of balance is a report on Australian women's priorities for environmental action, a summary of what Australian women have been doing for the environment, what they would like to see others doing, and what they no longer want to do. It was prepared by the National Women's Consultative Council from the results of 30 public meetings held throughout Australia, meetings with representatives from community groups and a survey which received 2,400 responses.

One of the major findings of the report is the particular contribution which women believe they can make to environmental solutions. The vast majority of women surveyed (95 per cent) believed that women have particular skills to contribute to the solution of environmental problems. Women spoke about the contribution they are already making as household managers, and as workers (through buying green products, conserving and recycling) and perhaps more importantly as volunteers on environmental programs.

Despite the contribution they make to ecological sustainability at a personal and local level, women feel that their concerns are not being represented in environmental decision making at any level of government and that governments and agencies are not keeping up with the general community's response to environmental problems. Many women are concerned that they are being exploited because of their willingness to work voluntarily for the environment, and that they cannot afford to take on the extra burden this involves. The three main issues covered by the consultations and the survey were:

- the conservation of energy and water
- waste disposal and recycling
- the purchase and use of goods and services

Environmental priorities

Women were invited to say what they thought the main environmental problems threatening the earth are. Sixty percent of respondents agreed on this list of priorities:

1. Industrial and household wastes: waste management which includes waste minimisation, recycling, and safe disposal of toxic wastes.
2. Loss of animal and plant life: halting the loss of species, natural resources and wilderness.
3. Militarism: eliminating the cost and environmental destructiveness of war.

4. Poverty: Lessening the degree of poverty among women, and so increasing their capacity to contribute to ecological sustainability.

5. Land degradation: stewardship of land, repairing degradation and increasing fertility.

6. Energy use: reduction in individual and industry energy consumption.

7. Consumerism: changing current social priorities away from maximising resource use towards conserving, renewing and recycling.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women also spoke about the need for clean water in their communities.

Solutions

Women were also asked to comment on methods they felt would best combat these environmental problems. Education, many said, was the best way women could contribute to environmental protection, a feeling that is probably borne out by the facts; 67 per cent of teaching and 95 per cent of child care is carried out by women. Women felt that government should be supporting this contribution and focussing on educating people about the links between economic development and the environment.

The surveys also recognised that there need to be large-scale changes in social structures if we are to protect the environment. One of the recommendations of the report was that structures be less gender-biased and less oriented toward consumerism. Without this any environmental movement is doomed to only partial success. Women also called for greater access to the political process.

An imbalance

Women identified four areas where they felt there was an imbalance in the contribution of men and women to environmental protection.

1. Those surveyed felt most environmental programs, such as recycling, conserving energy and water, and green consumerism, are aimed at areas where women take most of the responsibility instead of at the more environmentally destructive areas of industry and government where men are more likely to be in charge. This pressure "to be green" makes it even more difficult for women to balance the needs of home and work and it is particularly severe on poor women.
2. While women are being encouraged to conserve, recycle and reuse, they are also under

pressure to consume more and often have to make decisions at the household level about how to reconcile these. Many women felt this dilemma was not being addressed at higher levels of decision-making where once again more men hold positions of power.

3. Because women hold few management positions, they are excluded from high level decision making, even in industries which employ mostly women. While resource-intensive industries, dominated by men, are considered in the ESD (Ecologically Sustainable Development) process, the household sector is not seriously considered in decision-making, nor is its environmental impact included in the national accounts.

4. Women were also concerned about the role of women in third world countries. Women and their dependents are the major proportion of those in poverty and many women are forced to exploit the environment to stay alive. Policies of aid for economic growth in third world countries have been shown to increase this pressure, and many women asked for a revision of aid policies.

Recommendations

Given that most women felt responsibilities for environmental protection are unbalanced, the survey asked how women would see this imbalance righted. From these responses, the National Women's Consultative Council made a set of recommendations to government.

- They asked that when planning individual or community environmental action programs, the government should prepare a social impact assessment, considering whether men or women would be contributing more to the program and what the costs and benefits of the program would be when they divide by age, gender and income. They asked that the government examine its economic policies to see whether they help or hinder the individual actions needed for the program and also that they adjust the program so that women make an equitable contribution of resources. Social impact assessments should also be integrated into the work of environmental agencies and into environmental curriculums for schools.

- The council asks that community programs be recognised by the government in its environmental and economic development policies.

- They recommend that the Department of Primary Industry and Energy, the Treasury, the Department of Environment, and the Heritage Commission take into account the cross-over effect between promotion of increased rates of production and the needs of ESD when they are making policy.

- Funding agencies which affect the environment should require funding applications to review economic, education or restructuring programs as well as incorporating community representatives into their management teams.

- On the level of national policy-making, women's main concern is to have their views considered. All Federal Government sponsored environmental decision-making bodies should represent women, who could be taken from community services and education sectors, women members of resource industry sectors, community organisations, women involved in social and natural sciences and in resource economics.

- Women's economic well being should also be considered when outcomes of the ESD process are evaluated and all departments should evaluate the effect of environmental initiatives, particularly those involving resource use, on women's well being.

- Overseas aid programs should also take the needs of women into consideration, and AIDAB (Australian International Development Assistance Bureau), the Department of Foreign Affairs delegates should be briefed by the Office of the Status of Women on the effect their decisions have on women.

Australia should advise the international agencies to which it contributes of the importance it places on gender sensitivity. Federal Government departments should not support international conventions and trade agreements which exploit women and the environment.

A *Question of Balance* goes into all these issues in greater depth and also explores many of the contributions women have made to the environment. A readable summary of the findings and recommendations of the consultative process, *What on Earth can a woman do?*, asks 'What is going wrong?', 'What are women doing now?' and 'Where do we go from here?' This will also be available soon.

Crisis Deepens for the Tribal People of Sarawak

by Kerrie Tucker

The Kelabit, Penan, and Kayan people are still struggling to save their rainforest homes in Sarawak. Since 1987 they have been blockading roads into the rainforest. As a result of international pressure to consider the environment and the rights of indigenous people, the Malaysian government is spending four million dollars on a publicity campaign to counter what it claims is 'misinformation' spread by environmentalists around the world. The Malaysian government has also changed the law to make blockading roads punishable by up to a two year sentence and heavy fines. Hundreds of tribal people have been arrested. The necessity to spend days travelling to and from court hearings, which are often postponed time after time means that women and children are frequently left alone to far. Food supplies are not always adequate.

Anderson Mutang Urud, (Director of the Sarawak Indigenous People's Alliance) was also arrested 5 February 1992 under Malaysia's Internal Security Act which allows police to detain and interrogate a person without a trial. He has pleaded not guilty to the charge of 'managing an illegal society'. His only crime has been to inform the world of the struggle of the native people of Sarawak, including a plea to the United Nations.

The blockade at Long Ajen in

remote North East Sarawak, which has been in place since July 1991, has recently been the site of military intervention by the government. Even though a media blackout was imposed and the area sealed off, the grim news has reached the rest of the world and international protest continues. The purpose of this blockade was to defend one of the largest areas of primary forest left in Sarawak. The logging companies are systematically destroying the forests at an estimated rate of 11 square kilometres every 24 hours, with loggers working by floodlight at night.

The irony is that even after all the forests have been logged, foreign debts will still be there and the land itself will be irreparably damaged and many species of flora and fauna lost forever. This is a struggle not just to protect the human rights of the tribal people, but to protect the millions of species of plants and animals we share this planet with.

What you can do

1. Boycott tropical timber. Ask individuals, local councils, and organisations to use alternatives. The Rainforest Information Centre ready reckoner-alternative timbers leaflet is available from the Bogong shop at the Canberra and South East Region Environment Centre, Kingsley Street, Acton. If you

would like it posted to you, send \$3.00 to CASEREC
GPO Box 1875
Canberra ACT 2601

At present Australia imports around 100 million dollars worth of rainforest timber from Malaysia annually. Most comes from Sarawak. We can all feel empowered by the fact that our continuous attempts to reduce the trade of tropical timber globally have begun to take effect. This is still one of the best ways you can act on a local level. In Japan the import of tropical timber has dropped by a third, largely due to a grass-roots action affecting local city councils. The changing of these consumption patterns globally will go beyond protecting Sarawak's forests. The destruction destined for Irian Jaya, PNG, the Amazon and Africa can also be halted.

2. Write letters of support to imprisoned tribal people, or those taking action to protect the forests, c/- Rainforest Information Centre, PO Box 368, Lismore, NSW 2480

3. Write letters of concern to: Paul Keating
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT 2600

Senator Evans
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
Parliament House

Canberra, ACT 2600

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The Chief Minister
Bangunan Tunkul Abdul Rahman
Petra Jaya
9330 Kuching
Sarawak
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4. Give generously, or start your own fund raising campaign to help the people staging the blockades and other protest activities in Sarawak. These people have little, if any, money and have to travel great distances to continue with the blockades. Money is also needed to cover legal costs and help the families of those in jail. Send tax-deductible donations to:
ACF Penan Fund
Australian Conservation Foundation
340 Gore Street
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Information for this article came from the Rainforest Information Centre, Lismore.

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REVIEWS

Live...

The Holocene Lard Factory

- Friday at the bar

Is this the future of the planet? Well it could well be. In the future, everyone will walk around in hospital lab coats wearing swimming goggles. The Lard factory played and displayed, with both style and humour, armed with their Neo Cubist Joystick and vacuum cleaner. The set varied from full steam ahead to mutant Spanish guitar, with a home grown version of AC/DC Jailbreak thrown in for good measure. In fact the sudden flashback to the proclaimers' "500 miles" in the

middle of Jailbreak was a definite highlight. They made the odd mistake but they also made you laugh - It's hard not to when someone lunges around the stage with a vacuum cleaner and the agitator of a washing machine. They could well be the greatest rock entity in the known universe - only time will tell. Their journey has just begun, but they could well be bigger than Oxygen - and it would be nothing less than they deserve. Go and see them! (And - give them more gigs! Sean's number is 2477130)

Theatre...

A Flea in her Ear

reviewed by Vanessa John

Georges Feydeau's deliciously bawdy romp *A Flea in Her Ear* is brought to life on the Arts Centre Stage in a blend of mistaken identity, innuendo, and pants-down humour.

The cast together produce an appealing formula, whose graso and enjoyment of the mechanical and comic elements of farce is superb.

The set design, complete with revolving bed, is a flurry of doors and integrated spaces in which characters suddenly appear and disappear, are caught and counter-sprung in the most compromising of circumstances.

The play opens in the drawing room of Victor and Raymonde Chandebeises, played by Simone Pappalettera and Geoffrey Boney. Here we are in the midsts of the idle bourgeoisie, their sexual intrigues and matrimonial relationships hilariously sent up with a good many raised eyebrows, incredulous gushes and bottom pinches. The play climaxes in the disreputable Hotel Coq d'Or (a pun relentlessly capitalized on!), where the whole cast assemble to a frenzied confusion - characters caught

seemingly inevitably in exactly the wrong place at the wrong time. Ian Croker's "hotelier" Augustin and Margaret Foster's "copper-bottomed comtesse" Olympe are wonderfully brazen and lascivious.

The second act maximizes both the fast-paced visual and physical gags as well as the continual verbal puns and misunderstandings.

The final act, back at the Chandebeises' home sees the play's resolution, where the characters responsibility, finally, for their own follies.

Solid performances from a talented cast of seasoned professionals and relative newcomers, combine with Tony Turner's precise, tongue-firmly-in-cheek direction to produce a thoroughly witty, strong and naughty night's theatre.

Special mention must be made of Jason Savage's feuding spaniard, Carlos; Patrick Rowe's hypertense butler Etienne; and of Geoffrey Burney, whose mannerisms as Victor, and sheer speed around stage are to be congratulated.

A Flea in her Ear is produced and presented by Papermoon and Stage p.r.o.d.u.c.t.i.o.n.s., and appears at The Arts Centre, ANU from 28 August.

Book...

Talking It Over

by Julian Barnes
(Picador, paperback \$15.95)

Mr PotatoHead: Well Julian - I can call you Julian, can't I? - you are a prolific and successful one, aren't you? *Flaubert's Parrot*, *A History of the World in 10 1/2 Chapters*, the Prix Medici's, flattering reviews from British newspapers... all the trappings of the successful post-modern novelist too. none of that silly traditional third person narrative for you; no, your characters speak directly to the reader to give their versions of the events. And what characters! Stuart is as solid and unimaginative as his name, and sure enough, he's a banker. His best friend Oliver is less successful with money, but is a charming, sparkling, witty, rather brilliant figure - rather like yourself, my dear Julian. Gillian, Stuart's wife, is a reserved and sensible woman who runs off with Oliver - ooh, a bizarre love triangle, you saucy man! But then there's the twist at the end, where Stuart becomes a bitter yuppie, tracks them down, and skilfully sows discord between the two. Oh, Crazy Dog wants a word.

Crazy Dog: Barnes, you smug bastard! Oliver is a feckless, irritating, pretentious would be wit, a smart-arse of staggering proportions, so why would anyone want to spend the rest of their life with him? Gillian is a cipher whose motivations, let alone her character, are never made clear, and Stuart doesn't deserve the bucketing you give him. Remember, it's better to be a banker than wanker, *Mr Barnes*.

Mr PotatoHead: You'll have to forgive my friend, she's just a little impatient with modern novelists. But ah! the modern, or rather, postmodern, novel. What tricks you novelists play! All this experimentation ... perhaps you are suggesting the relativity of truth? Is this technique your subtle method of showing the different perspectives of

various people upon the same event? Furthermore, there is no narrative voice providing the commentary upon the characters' actions; rather, the characters speak directly and the narrative voice is subtly expressed through the selection and running order of the monologues.

Crazy Dog: Yarbles Barnes, this is about as revolutionary as sandpapering your bottom and discovering it hurts. The relativity of truth is a truism trotted out by intellectual weaklings as a conversation filler, so don't pretend you're being profound. And, yeah, what a radical structure. Two hundred years ago some novels were written in letters - either a series from one character which unfolded a story (eg *Pamela*) or as exchanges between several characters (eg *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*). Barnes, all you've done is cut out the salutation and sign-offs, and added a small amount of interaction between the accounts, but otherwise it's an epistolary novel, and a crappy, shallow, smug one at that. Who are you trying to fool, you snivelling wanker?

Mr PotatoHead: Steady on, Dog! There's no need for personal abuse. But Julian, she does have a point. One cannot say that this was a difficult book to read; your prose flows easily but superficially and can be read quickly and painlessly. Alas, you have little of substance or worth to say, and must rely on technical tricks to divert the reader from your essential shallowness and vacuity, but what do you care? You have played your little game with us. The question is, what is your little game? Is it writing wry postmodern novels, or convincing the literary world that this is worthwhile? Over to you, Crazy Dog.

Crazy Dog: Grrrr! Grrrr!

PREVIEWS

Theatre...

The Exploding Sardine

JIGSAW THEATRE COMPANY.

THE EXPLODING SARDINE presents a bizarre procession of Weddings, Funerals and Feasts exploring the rituals and processions that give our lives meaning; from the universal to the personal, the sacred to the revealingly comic.

THE EXPLODING SARDINE has two main sources of inspiration. Francisco de Goya's painting THE BURIAL OF THE SARDINE, shows a joyous and macabre procession capturing the essential elements of life in Spain in 1812. This work was re-interpreted as a novel by Fernando Arrabal in 1970. The novel depicts life from the point of view of a dwarf, Heironymous, who looks down from his one small room to the procession of life in the piazza below.

THE EXPLODING SARDINE explores one small room which has been transformed into a labyrinth of shrines, stages and performance spaces. The audience are free to roam the space and to partake of the rituals or just to observe, as they see fit.

Artistic Director, Stephen Champion, has brought together a group of talented artists to assist in the creation of this original piece.

Performers Deborah Pollard, most recently seen in Jigsaw's TREEHOUSE and THE MAGIC FISH, Patrick Troy from Splinters, Neil Gray (of the band Itchy Feet) and VCA Animatuer Secondment Tina Marie Pizel with the assistance of a design team including Bob Jankowski, Poorneta Saraswati, Penny Sands, Aida Amirkhanian and Bruce Carmicheal host this exciting theatrical event.

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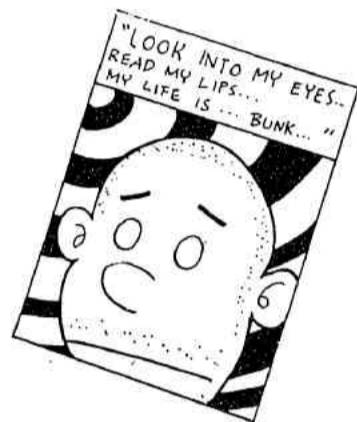
POETRY & PORT II

(and little bits of cut up cheese)

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A column which consists of a delicate mixture of existential whining, sexual repression and startlingly well-described gratuitous violence



soaring high in the sky

Right, now where was I? Oh yeah, last issue I was running out of space while spouting my usual inarticulate twaddle. What I really wanted to say about Ed Kuepper's *Black Ticket Day* (Hot) is this: his last album *Honey Steel's Gold* can be described as a seamless, multilayered, highly melodic album which married its musical complexity to a brooding intensity (is there any other kind?) which made every song a big bag of Belgian truffles. *Black Ticket Day* has ditched the ardour, in its place Kuepper is more pensive and melancholic (note: *not* gloomy or boring). Even the two cheerful boppy songs demonstrate this: *Black Ticket Day* is sardonic and *Real Wild Life* has a great spooky funfair feel. 'Nuff said. *Really*.

he may be small but only in size

Andrew Denton's musical track record is pretty weak by any standards, but next to Kuepper's it's positively piss-weak — a significant difference, no? *Live & Sweaty's I Don't Care As Long As We Beat New Zealand* b/w *We Did Quite Well For A Country Our Size* (ABC / Festival single) is full of so many painful home truths about Australia's sporting mediocrity that I wept uncontrollably. Buy it for two reasons: it's a more durable thrill than most of our Olympic performances, and the proceeds go to our Paralympians, who deserve every penny, but not because they're disabled and therefore are an inspiration blah blah blah. Bollocks to that! They deserve every penny because at Seoul in 1988 they won 94 medals, 25 of them gold. They're

the only Australian athletes who ever win anything! They piss all over that over-subsidised pack of scroungers we sent to Barcelona! And they don't get AI-bloody-S funding! Seriously, who gives a shit about personal bests? At least our Paralympians' personal bests get them medals!

Let us move on to more pleasant things. *Love Sex Intelligence* (One Little Indian single) is yet another in a string of sumptuous Shamen songs, all of which combine a fierce dancefloor intelligence with

Astroboy, Astroboy

The Chills have been around for 12 years, had 13 line-ups, yet have only managed three albums; *Soft Bomb* (Flying Nun / Slash / White, and other labels too numerous to mention) is the latest. All this farting around has had some benefit: their famous early single *Pink Frost* is still an eerie frozen beauty, and *Submarine Bells* was worth the very long wait.

Soft Bomb (it means "pacifist

(a pessimism even scarier for the sugar-coating it receives) or the somewhat more urgent title track. This buoyant mood becomes grating and puerile after a bit, so *Water-Wolves* and *Song for Randy Newman* etc are both welcome relief and beautiful things in themselves. The latter is an intelligent exposition of suffering for one's art (although TISM's line "I've suffered for my art. Now it's your turn" comes irresistibly to mind). *Water-Wolves* is a straining string quartet and misty lyrics about surrendering to the sea — a moist, sexy idea.

This is a diverse and satisfying album which is accessible but not shallow. The lyrical emphasis on saving the planet is commendable. I have nothing further to say about *Soft Bomb*.

he is brave and gentle and wise

Mainstream music has its supergroups — Travelling Wilburys, Notting Hillbillies, bloody Eric Clapton jams — which all appear to have one aim: to earn Jeff Lynne or Mark Knopfler a few more million pounds. I can barely remain coherent at the mere thought of these superannuated charlatans providing the masses with some of the most cloistered, conservative, criminally lifeless and smug music ever disinterred. How can these running dogs listen to their own work without cringing at their shocking self-satisfaction, their cheery banality, their utter refusal to be original and creative? I cannot bear the sight of these old men clicking their fingers to this effluent — how dare they? **HOW DARE THEY?** If they have lost their enthusiasm or capacity to

premature evaluations

Form 1 Planet — The Rockmelons (Mushroom LP)

Thank God for the Rockmelons! Reviewing them is the proverbial morceau of micturation product (get to those dictionaries kiddies!). Everything here sounds like the singles. Really. Obviously the singles sound like the singles, but other things here do too. So, if you like what you've heard, buy it; if not, don't. As for whether it's any good ...

Snowblind Moon — Broderick Smith (Mushroom single)

Broderick Smith is one of the finest Grand Old Men of Australian Rock. He's slaved to make this industry the envy of the world, and surely deserves a knighthood, or at the very least an Order of Australia. All this praise is to disguise the fact that I fell asleep during your single. Sorry Brodders, *maaaate*.

Laugh — The Adventure Babies (Factory LP)

Yeah, well, good advice my little pleasure puppies. I did laugh; I laughed so hard I'm still mopping up. The Babies are meant to be light-hearted and joyful — so why do they use late 60s sounds with



The Chills

genital clutching of a particularly severe type. It also passed the toughest test: I played this to a first-year and they liked it. Do You Understand, My Poppets? Easy-To-Sing and Easy-To-Dance-To, but with Something-More-Sophisticated for the Grown-Ups too. This is *utterly* ravishing.

impact" according to chief icicle Martin Phillipps) sees the band moving further away from their rather dispassionate and aloof style than *Submarine Bells* did. There's a new confidence to the band; they are prepared to sound goofy and relaxed while delivering the powerful *Male Monster From The Id* (guess what that's about), the cheerful pessimism of *No Point In Trying*



Crazydog

premature evaluations

such gay abandon? I mean, they're not Jeff Lynne are they?

Indio — Indecent Obsession
(Melodian LP)

Some people join the music industry to make lots of money, wear flashy clothes, and pick up babes (whoops, I mean "forge meaningful relationships with women"). Others join for a more profound reason: they wish to share their unique visions of the world and show that there is a better way. They are life-enriching in the finest sense. Indecent Obsession of course fall into the latter category. When they sing "Cold blue sweat on desert soil / Love is watching a good thing spoil / Emotion in bondage it ain't worthwhile / And I walk out of her life gentleman-style" (*Gentleman-style*) this is not simpleminded trash but a stunning insight. When they turn to race relations, the solution is clear: "Don't miss the signs when hearts are bleeding / An empty smile can be deceiving (*Cry for Freedom*). Their rigorous intellect when applied to such thorny issues makes the difficult simple, the prosaic profound. Indecent Obsession once again live down to our expectations.



strive for great music, then they should retire to Scotland and watch salmon make babies. Jesus, they don't need to earn any more money through releasing music — they must be set up for life — so we must consider every new Genesis record as either wanton cruelty or as savage provocation.

Recoil of course will never have the option of watching salmon procreate. The various members of this indie supergroup — sorry, non-hierarchical collective — have given their lives to indie music. Some, like core member Alan Wilder (Nitzer Ebb), will be lucky if they can afford tinned salmon; others, like guest vocalist Toni Halliday (Curve) make lots of money off Eurhythmics' Dave Stewart's label so for them this is a mere divertissement. *Bloodline* (Mute) is the fruit of their labours, and my word, it's strange. It came out a month or so ago but I simply have no idea what to make of it. Is it very 80s electro or very 90s electro? Or is it just a non-pop version of Depeche Mode? Ah, questions, questions, but expect no answers.

The electro here is terribly minimalist and spooky or domineering, depending on what you think of this music in the first place. When I started this review it was pissing down outside and the wind was at gale-force; the day was bleak, dreary, but electrifying too in a stern and pitiless fashion. Recoil was on the stereo and the two merged in a perfect fit of spooky thrills.

Now however in the cold hard light of day I revert to my more cynical mode and suddenly I think of the early 80s projects like BEF which put synth-pop and 60s singers together. Their work with a certain fright-wigged footie fan singlehandedly revived the career

of T**a T**n*r — you can see why I'm suspicious of the whole idea. Recoil don't actually go to the extent of grave-robbing, but *Electro Blues for Bukka White* works on the same lines — find someone with "authenticity", with "soul" and put them on a cold bit of electro. Musical revolution or pure wank — you be the judge. It is however a temporary aberration — everything is sleek and oily-muscled, just like good electro should be.

stronger than all the rest

Opera is not the usual topic of these pages, but then, who said it shouldn't be? Personally I prefer a bit of baroque, but the thrills of late 18th and early 19th century opera cannot be denied. The use of arias in popular movies and ads has grown because a lot of directors and dog food manufacturers think it adds a touch of class.

Whether cashing-in on this trend was behind Lesley Garrett's *Diva! A Soprano At The Movies* (Silva Screen) is beyond my ken. Or my barbie. No matter. Ms Garrett is a genuine opera singer, and these are genuine opera arias. The fact that most people know them from their use in *Moonstruck* (*Quando m'en vo*), *A Room With A View* (*O mio babbino caro*) or even the British Airways ad (*Dom Epais*) doesn't detract from the beauty and special glamour of opera. Ms Garrett's voice is for the most part splendid, and the orchestral backing is full-blooded without losing its technical skill. Ooh, I feel like a real music critic. Buy it and be ennobled.

I have only one reservation about all this popularising of opera. Yes, I think opera can be quite cool. Yes, I think people

should be allowed to buy anything they like. But *why* must Sarah Brightman and Jose "Normally Very Juicy Bananas" Carraras be at Number One with an Andrew Lloyd Webber song? Must life be this routinely cruel and unfair?

this tiny robot will pass the test

The Hard-Ons. The Hards-Ons. Nup, they still don't make any sense. These strange affectless youths' new mini-LP *Dateless Dudes' Club* (Waterfront) comes at a bargain price (\$12.95 cassette, \$14.95 CD) with a bonus Dickcheese comic which likewise is a bizarre piece of shit. Their delirious trip through the suburbs might be satire, celebration, surreal commentary or an unhealthy mixture of the three. Do the



Hard-Ons present a deliberately gormless face just to confuse us? Does this facade of idiocy conceal the sharpest social commentary in the country? Are their press releases cheeky or what?

Oh, the mini-LP? Well, that has some studio tracks, some live tracks, and some dead tracks. There is thrash stripped down to its pop essentials, grungy guitar lines, and Lesley Garrett-like singing. One of these claims is a lie. The Hard-Ons. They're infected. They're infectious. They're insane.

oh do not fear him but only cheer him

And finally, to the Cruel Sea. *This Is Not The Way Home* (Red Eye) is the subject of a renewed publicity push, and the band plays ANU Sept 3rd, and I did an interview with the guitarist James Cruikshank ... actually, I did a failed interview with James Cruikshank. Oh, My Cruikshank was nice enough, and it was a pleasant enough chat, but I can barely hear the tape of our interview because all it seems to have recorded was a pair of debaters sniggering in the background. Shit.

The Cruel Sea's eclectic second album is best described as a guitar album. Not a guitar album in the sense that songs jingle - jangle for 50 minutes cos such bands must die, it's a scientific

fact. Nah, this LP shows off the various styles of a guitar. There's the surf-inspired (*Fangin' Hoons*), the spacious country style (the title track), the r'n'b (*Sure Nuff*) and bluesy (*Alright Cos She Loves Me*) and lyrical gems too! "Threw up in the men's shithouse" ... hmmm, wonder why that didn't make the single version of the title track? The variety might sound confusing. In fact, it is; but if life were meant to be straightforward, condom users wouldn't need test carrots. This is such a strong groovy lowdown album that I damn near licked the CD — high praise indeed.

POLITICS ZONE

WHAT IS ALL THE FUSS ABOUT THE GSF?

by Kath Cummins
The Liberal/Back On Trackers were given a real hiding at last years Student Association Elections. Green Alliance won a landslide victory, and a mandate for reform. So what did BOT do wrong? It tried unsuccessfully to convince students that the most important thing about student politics was the amount of the basic General Services Fee that each student pays. Do you remember the yellow/green receipt you got at the start of the year with \$84 written on it? I don't, but according to BOT and their affiliated Better Management Team in the Union, this is the only thing that you as a student should be worried about.

BACK ON TRACK FORGOT STUDENTS
The only thing that BOT can claim to have achieved in two years of administration of the SA (1990-1) is a cut in the GSF. Forget services to students, forget lobbying for better student housing, welfare and legal services, forget better funding of clubs societies and social groups, forget issues such as the environment, lack of childcare and the attacks on AUSTUDY- these things don't interest Back On Track. They failed to win re-election because they were so busy slashing the SA budget that they forgot about the needs of students, they forgot to ask how the portion of GSF that goes to the

SA can make life as a student more rewarding.

WHY "SAVING" MEANS "HOARDING" IN BOT-SPEAK.
BOT love to trumpet that when they ran the SA they "saved" students 800,000 in fees. In truth, all they did was take advantage of a large increase in student enrollments. They in fact froze services, so as to skimp and spend the same amount of money on a larger amount of students. But then they got a bit more crafty. Without consultation, they took \$250,000 of student money and hoarded it away in corporate bonds. Instead of spending your money on you,

they quietly "invested" it. Back On Track called this "saving" but I'm going to call it "stealing", or at the very least "hoarding" because that is what it was. The portion of GSF that goes to the SA is not put there so that little Liberals can play games on the stock market. It is there to be spent on you. The bottom line is that BOT do not believe that the SA should exist at all, so they will do everything in their power to take it away from us. So next time you read "save" on a BOT poster, read "hoard" and remember that BOT will be quite happy to take your money, but will refuse to spend it on you.

SO WHY ARE PRICES SO HIGH IN THE UNION?
I get as mad as a hornet when I read about BOT supposedly saving me money. Their mates who have controlled the Union since 1986, the (so-called) Better Management Team (BMT) have presided over the most enormous increase in the profit margin of the Union. They of course will tell you that profit is a good thing, but won't remind you that their profit is coming out of *your* pocket. Every time you buy a sandwich in the refectory or a beer in the bar you are paying more than you would in Civic! The reason that you have to pay so much in the Refectory and in the bar is because despite all their pretensions to "free market" ideology, the Union is a monopoly with a captive market. The current management of the Union know damn well that there isn't another place to eat or have a beer that is close by, so they can charge you what they like. What is really interesting though, is that to get commercial tenants in a small captive market such as the university campus, the Union grants monopoly deals to both retail outlets and certain products. For instance, the clothing shop Dragonfly has a monopoly over all clothing sales. So when the SA has run market days which bring alternative clothing vendors on to the campus, Dragonfly has threatened legal action. Other monopoly deals include the deal with Schweppes which prevents the sale of Coke in the Refectory,

bar, and upstairs in the Asian Bistro. But because the current Union management are so blinded by what they *think* is a free market, they refuse to have any involvement in the setting of prices.

THE GSF IS IMPORTANT FOR THE UNION TOO
This is where the GSF comes in. The largest portion of your GSF goes to the Union. This fee is designed to ensure that prices are kept down, and also that you as a student have a say in how your Union is run. BMT support the requesting of no GSF for the Union which means that the Union would not be accountable to students. The only way that a captive monopoly can be kept accountable to the consumer is by having a GSF which means that students will have *some* consumer sovereignty. The best way, however, to keep prices down, and to make the Union genuinely a students union, run by and for students, is to have capable student representatives on the Union Board. These reps should be active and accountable managers.

THE UNION MUST BE ACTIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE TO STUDENTS- NOT JUST A PROFIT MAKING EXERCISE.
So now we come to the crux of the problem. The current BMT dominated Union Board. If you want active and concerned management of the Union, if you want prices to be appropriate to students on minimal incomes, and if you want your Union to be more than just a rent collection office for private monopoly deals- remember to vote at the upcoming Union Board elections in the last week of this term.

The GSF is the crucial way for you as a student to ensure that you get the services you deserve from an open Students Association, and coupled with active, progressive management of the Union Board, the GSF will allow you to have a say in how your union works- instead of your Union becoming a Westfield Shoppingtown in the middle of the campus.

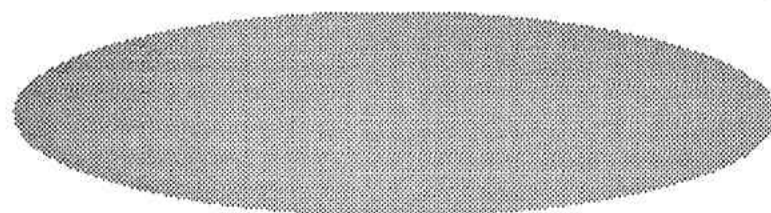
THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ELECTIONS: 1992

VOTING ARRANGEMENTS

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER TO WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 1992

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 11.30AM-2.30PM	UNION-FIRST FLOOR FOYER (OPPOSITE ENTRANCE TO THE TAVERN)
TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 11.30AM-2.30PM 4PM-6PM	UNION-FIRST FLOOR FOYER (OPPOSITE ENTRANCE TO THE TAVERN)
12 NOON-1PM	LLEWELLYN HALL- LEVEL FOUR FOYER
WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 9AM-10AM 3PM-4PM	LAW FACULTY FOYER
11.30AM-2.30PM	UNION-FIRST FLOOR FOYER (OPPOSITE ENTRANCE TO THE TAVERN)
12 NOON-1PM	CANBERRA SCHOOL OF ART- ART GALLERY FOYER

R.H. ARTHUR
REGISTRAR, THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
AND RETURNING OFFICER



POLITICS ZONE

Whispers...

Our last instalment focussed so much on the Right that the Left might feel slighted - Heaven forbid. We are nothing if not egalitarian, so: A pox on both your tribes.

Rumour has it that Victoria Sweetman is no longer the flavour of the month in the Liberal camp ever since her name (and a hint of her unspoken agenda or two) surfaced here. With the subtle Victoria receding from the scene, the Liberals are beginning to froth and fret over their next preferred candidate. Poor lads - nothing as forlorn as a babble of Liberals whose only idea has sunk sadly into the west, when your ration is only one good idea - good or ill - per year, this is no laughing matter.

Since the last issue was Whispers-deprived, there are two GODS this week: the estimable Malcolm Baalman and the negligible Charlotte Harper. Smiling Charlie has recently launched herself back into public life with the creation of three - count 'em, three - new societies advertised last issue. In 1991, Charlie was President of the Liberal Club, Advertising Manager of Woroni, O-Week Director, Arts Rep. for BOT, and Campaign Manager for BOT in the SA elections. Not only that but the BOT/Liberal power wielders wanted her to run for Prez with BOT - only Charlie told her to insert it. Onya, Charlie - what a gal... Of course, Malcolm's CV is familiar writ to regular readers of Woroni and other campus publications which never rest from cataloguing his greatness: Woroni Ed. 1990, Peppercorn Ed. 1991, Law Society Prez 1992... Malcolm, is there no end to your wonders?

The eagle-eyed and relatively sane will note that these GODS are the first actually still to be in attendance at this university and include yet ANOTHER Liberal (we pride ourselves on being equally contemptuous) and as well as our first woman. Yes, I know - Liz O'Leary tried but... naaaahh. Charlotte Harper is the first GODette - first of many, let us trust.

The Woroni team's dispersal continues faster than (almost anything fast...) With Bec Suters exiting left pursued by a bear, there remains only one of the original four selected and there is word upon the wind that even she is not long for this vale of tears either.

Looks like Cameron Bray is fast replacing Stephen Byron as the Most Hated Man On Campus (although we shy away from the word 'hate' - it's so florid and has something of respect in it; now 'despise' - there's a good word). Anyway, beyond the euphonious similarity in names, they both write boring articles for Woroni which slag off unimaginatively at the other side, they both helped give birth to the seminal version of BOT, they could both smarm for the Olympics, and they're both as homely as a dunny door. Could they be the same person? Well... have you ever seen them in the same room at the same time?

And, en passant, a mild reference to that overbearing ex-Ed. of Woroni whose only talents seemed to be growing dirty blonde hair and permanent PMT (are you listening dear?) - there is no truth to the allegation that the wintery Fiona has been rejected for membership by the Liberal Party. Now there would be a union made in Hell.

Union election nominations closed on Monday - Mr Whispers will be watching the ever entertaining parade of the hopeless, the heartless, and the merely feckless. The Better Management Team have been in for six years but without the inspired leadership of the illustrious Tonuri they are unlikely to get it up a seventh time.

Whispers are that the Greens are nearly as far up in the air over the selection of candidates for the upcoming SA elections as the Liberals are (and they're always more than a bit lost in the fog). The Greens appear to have two prime names jostling for the top spot and they're showing a certain talent for recycling the worn candidates of yesterday. Remember, there are three positions up for grabs this time - not two as previously - so keep a beady eye open, this could be worth a chuckle.

As listed in the last episode, the rich and privileged who are spewed out of Grammar schools in Canberra to prop up Liberal fronts at the ANU are not the only ones in the field with silver spoons in their mouths. Also on the list as past denizens of prestigious and pricey Canberra Grammar schools are most of the prominent Lefties on campus. As a sample: Andrew Pearson (SA Treasurer for the Greens), Naomi Flutter (prominent Green who was also the Green candidate for Treasurer in 1990), Dave Sutton... Also past Left Presidents... and the startling Amanda Chadwick went to Girls Grammar in Sydney. The expression 'champagne socialist' hardly does justice to all these earnest wights with plush backgrounds, eyes fixed on mega-professional degrees gas-guzzling cars bought by Mummy and Daddy, and righteous lines in lefty rhetoric that would sicken a brown dog. The worst of it all is that the arrogant sods expect you to believe them.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF THE FACULTIES

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MEMBER
ELECTED FROM AMONG THEIR NUMBER
BY ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
OF THE FACULTIES

Following an election to determine the undergraduate student member of the Board of The Faculties chosen from among their number by all undergraduate students of The Faculties, I declare the following person elected:

Andrew Robinson Pearson

The term of office is one year from 1 September 1992 to 31 August 1993.

R. H. Arthur
Returning Officer

14 August 1992.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION 1992 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Nominations are hereby called for election to the following offices and positions within the Association:

President of the Association
Treasurer of the Association
General Secretary of the Association
Editor (or Editors) of *Woroni*
Ten (10) general representatives to the SRC
Four (4) Arts representatives to the SRC
Two (2) Science representatives to the SRC
Two (2) Economics/Commerce representatives to the SRC
One (1) Law representative to the SRC
One (1) Asian Studies representative to the SRC
One (1) part-time representative to the SRC
Five (5) International Students' Association Committee.

The successful candidates will serve for one year from 1 December 1992.

The period for lodgement of nominations will commence at 9.30am on Monday 31 August 1992, and cease at noon on Monday 14 September 1992.

All nominations must include the signature of the nominator, a seconder, and the nominee. A sample form of nomination may be obtained from the Association's offices.

All ordinary members of the Association are eligible to nominate, second, and be nominated for the positions of President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Editor(s) of *Woroni*, and general representatives to the SRC. An ordinary member enrolled in a faculty is eligible to nominate, second and be nominated for a (or the) position of representative of the members in any faculty in which they are enrolled. All ordinary member part-time students are eligible to nominate, second or be nominated for the position of part-time representative to the SRC. Only ordinary members who are deemed to be an international student by the Australian National University International Students Office are eligible to nominate, second and be nominated for the positions of International Students' Association Committee.

All nominations should be placed in the locked ballot box provided in the offices of the Association, between 9.30am and 3.30pm on any week day during the period in which nominations are open.

Polling will be conducted between Monday 19 October 1992 and Wednesday 21 October 1992 at times and places to be published in *Woroni* on 2 September 1992.

Candidates in the election may indicate to the Returning Officer the group or team with which they are running, or that they are running as an independent. The name of the group or team, or the word 'Independent', will then appear on the voting paper beside their names.

R.H. Arthur
Registrar, The Australian National University
and Returning Officer



POLITICS ZONE

Who's Who in Student Politics

All too often politics revolves around its male players, but as all of you are undoubtedly aware the amount of women shaping this campus far outweighs that of their male counterparts.

A lot of comment has been made about the capability and personality of Students' Association president Amanda Chadwick and her predecessor Liz O'Leary, but what of the next wave of blue stocking activists? Here At Woroni we have taken it upon ourselves to provide you with some humorous insights.....

Kate Sullivan

AGE: 20
HEIGHT : lots of
FAVORITE FANTASY : mocha vodka
TIME YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING : when the coffee's ready
MAJOR CHARACTERISTIC : clark kent glasses and heaps of determination.
FAVORITE TV SHOW : bev hills 90210 (except last week's show which was sexist)
WHY ARE YOU WASTING YOUR TIME IN STUDENT POLITICS : 'cause I'm a megalomaniac addicted to chalk dust and poster glue.
And as a concerned student with a loud voice, I feel I have a duty to use it.

Charlotte Harper

AGE: 20
HEIGHT: 5'6 1/2"
FAVOURITE FANTASY: To teach Old English in Brazil, Romance Linguistics in Iceland, and Gothic in Luxembourg.
TIME YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING? Today I got up at 2.30 pm because I went to a 21st last night, but usually 7.30 am, like everyone else.
MAJOR CHARACTERISTIC: Cannot keep a secret. Always on top of the world.
FAVOURITE TELEVISION SHOW: To the Manor Born, Deglassi High and Sticky Moments.
WHY ARE YOU WASTING YOUR TIME IN STUDENT POLITICS? I was approached by a prominent Liberal campus identity at the 1990 Bush Week Bar Crawl and he asked me to run for the SA. It seemed like a good idea at the time. Mmm.

Naomi Knight

AGE : 19
HEIGHT (with attached cherry docs) 5'9"
FAVOURITE FANTASY : Many bedtime stories, followed by croissants in the morning.
TIME YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING : 6 am. (yes, am, in time for 8am Arabic on 2hrs sleep)
MAJOR CHARACTERISTIC : she's the one draped over everyone in the room
FAVOURITE TV SHOW : You can't network while watching TV
WHY ARE YOU WASTING YOUR TIME IN STUDENT POLITICS : I often wonder....apart from such minor issues as social justice, welfare of students, services lack thereof, representation, f...ed Federal Government policies I don't know.

Kath Cummins

AGE : "Nearly 21"
HEIGHT: 5'7" (I still don't know what the metric equivalent is)
FAVOURITE FANTASY: To live in Ancient Greece, and to be the mistress of Pericles.
TIME YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING : "Hmm... later "
MAJOR CHARACTERISTIC : The mane of hair, commanding elocution.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW : I watch old movies on video.
WHY ARE YOU WASTING YOUR TIME IN STUDENT POLITICS : Why not?? Whinging about democracy is not enough- you have to be prepared to bite the bullet and get involved.

Rebecca Mohr

AGE: 21
HEIGHT: Tallish 5'7- you'll know her, she is the one in the very groovy clothes.
FAVOURITE FANTASY: Graduating
TIME YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING? What is morning?
MAJOR CHARACTERISTIC: Bright RED lipstick, nerves of steel.
FAVOURITE TELEVISION SHOW: The Bold and the Beautiful
WHY ARE YOU WASTING YOUR TIME IN STUDENT POLITICS? I often ask myself that question.

Mushrooms are a group of experienced students running against the current administration of the Union Board of Management. This year's elections will be on September 14, 15 and 16

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE UNION

"They have raised prices on food and at the bar, priced student functions into leaving the campus, and ignored their members."

The Union is currently run as a closed shop. The Union Board of Management has been dominated by one group since 1986. That group, the so-called "Better" Management Team, is out of touch and effectively not accountable to students. How often have you felt that the Union is an organisation where you could be heard?

Under the BMT the Union has changed from an organisation run by and for students to become an organisation run according to the whims of its managers, and with the aim of accumulating wealth. The BMT are now so out of touch they have forgotten who put them there. It's time to remind them who they are responsible to. The BMT's isolation from and contempt for students has reached such heights that this year the Board of Management has denied students the opportunity to attend its meetings. It's now impossible to question or challenge what the BMT does; the only solution is to get rid of them.

Students Forgotten

The BMT have forgotten that students are members of the Union. However, the modern Union is geared toward making money rather than serving students. Since the BMT came to power, the quality of service has dropped dramatically, whilst the prices have risen. Students are members of the Union, but the benefits of membership are fast diminishing.

Endless Costly 'renovations'

The most ridiculous example of this sell-out of students is Sullivan's Tavern. Once upon a time the 'Tavern' was actually a students' tavern. The Union has sunk student money into the renovation of the Tavern time after time, and on every occasion prices have gone up, the decor has become tackier, and fewer and fewer people bother to go there. In just two years, this area, which could be useful space for student activities, has been 'renovated' at least three times. In the latest incarnation, the Tavern never has more than twenty people in it, and students never go there. It's an overpriced indulgence for staff who eat at student expense—all thanks to the BMT.

"Let them eat plastic"

The meaningless and expensive change extends to the rest of the building, where the Refectory is now filled with ugly garden furniture, and yet you can't buy a meal for under \$5. The BMT's attitude is a simple "Let them eat plastic." Food prices at the Refectory are a joke, for despite having a near-monopoly of student custom, it has an exorbitant mark-up on its food. Lunch at the Refectory is no cheaper than at a commercially-run cafe in Civic. It's the same at their other outlet, Caterina's. And why can't you buy Coke there? Because someone in the management thought it was a good idea to do a deal with Schweppes and didn't bother to ask students what they liked to drink.

The Outrageous Price of Beer

But for the best example of contempt for students, you need go no further than the price of beer at the Union Bar. At \$2.00 for a schooner, it is approaching restaurant prices. The Bar made a trade surplus of over \$220,000 out of students' pockets last year, and it will continue to overcharge as long as the current managerial mentality remains.

The Clubs Functions Nightmare

The management's attitude to clubs is the same. Instead of supporting clubs, their functions arrangements have become farcical. In the past, the Union building was the natural place to hold balls, band nights and functions. It was central and cheap. However, the BMT now are so intent on bleeding students for as much as they can get, that Clubs and groups can get far better deals out of other venues in Canberra. Almost all the traditional club Balls and functions have gone elsewhere. This is despite the fact the Union has a constitutional requirement to financially support Clubs, and that the Union is subsidised by the very people it is currently exploiting—students.

Taking a Gamble—with Our Money

The current management wants to dedicate a considerable amount of floorspace in the building to a private poker machine club. This is a misconceived project. Poker machines are expensive to buy, licence and operate, they need to be in a separate enclosed area and to be specially staffed & policed. The special club would involve a large dedication of floorspace to an operation of only marginal popularity—what current service would be removed to make space for it? If the current management implements a poker parlour and it flops (as it probably will) the cost will be disastrous to the Union. No Union in Australia has established such an operation. The ANU should not be the guinea pig for such an expensive (and stupid) idea.

The Hollow Log

The Union is now stashing away takings into special reserve accounts at the rate of around \$450,000 a year. One way or another, about \$65 annually from the wallet of every student is being stored in hollow logs for the kudos of 'Business-Students-of-the-Year'. Given that the members fee is only around \$40 per year, the management must accept that their pricing policies are organised theft.

Run Out of Ideas

The BMT have run out of ideas. The calibre of their candidates has sunk to a pathetic level, with shallow ideologues and weak party friends. They have been in power at the Union since 1986, and in that time the Union has steadily and deliberately priced itself out of the student market. Their lame defence when election time arrives is to point to the state of the Union before they were elected and to generate slick and expensive election pamphlets. They have had six years to come up with a better reason for their existence, and they haven't. They've had six years to make the Union work for students, and they haven't done that either. They have run out of ideas, and they have run out of excuses. They treat students not as their members, but as a market to be exploited, and now something must be done about it.

MUSHROOMS

We've been kept in the dark for too long



AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

A Union For Students

We believe that the Union should be operated to help students eat and enjoy themselves at University as cheaply as possible, not just make money out of a captive market. We will ensure lower prices and a return of the Union building to the student population. We will stop the great student rip-off that finances the BMT's empire-building fantasies. The Union building should be for students first and foremost, and we will see that happens.

Bringing Prices Down

The fundamental objective in running a Union is that the *combination* of the Union's prices and its membership fee should be as low as possible. A membership fee through GSF allows for the operating efficiency which makes the lowest possible cost-of-service target achievable. When properly managed, the benefits of cheaper prices are greater than the initial membership payment. We would administer the Union as if students (with their limited incomes) were the first and last consideration.

The alternative of a market-controlled pricing policy with no membership fee ends up being grossly more expensive for students in total. Those who seek to scrap the fee have no ideological inhibitions in raising prices by more than the 'saving' from removing the fee. This, unfortunately, is the situation to which the current administration is rapidly taking the Union.

The fee collected for Union membership has been set at about \$40 for 1992 and 1993. On current policies, trading surplus will be at the same high rate. It is obvious that further reductions of the fee may have little or no effect in cutting the total cost of services to members. In fact, the total costs have been rising, and services are visibly falling. The policy of reducing the fee (even to zero) will ultimately expose students, as a captive market, to exploitation by the worst of all possible systems—a monopolistic commercial enterprise. That is why we argue that a reasonable fee has a place in the process of keeping prices down. It also allows for the flexibility to develop the Union in new directions. By contrast, the current administration seems intent on terminating the 'member' principle on which it is based and selling the Union off to private enterprise. We will reverse this trend, and make being a member of the Union worthwhile.

More Functions For Less

Students subsidise the Union, and student groups should be helped to hold functions. These functions should be of the best standard and the cheapest cost. We want student groups to be welcome at the Union, and will make sure that the Union provides the cheapest and best deals for Clubs and student organisations.

Bring Back Coke

Bringing back Coke may seem a trivial thing to some, but a life-sustaining force to others. If students want Coke, why should that desire come second to a special deal made by the management in the hope of greater profits? We will put a stop to the Union's backroom deals with corporations and just give students what they want.

Make Union Court a Place To Live

Market days provide unusual outlets and a chance for student groups to put themselves on show. The current Union administration has attempted to stamp out Market Days. We believe that they should be supported, not undermined. We would actively support Market Days, BBQs and other fun events in Union Court to give the centre of the University some life, and make the Union a place worth being at.

These are a few of our ideas. We stand behind them and our various track records as effective individuals. We are a group of students standing for election together, but we are not unified by particular political beliefs. In recent years students have been looking for representatives to open the Union up to a future which responds to students' practical needs. We hope to be such representatives. If you give us your approval, we can change the Union.

Who we are—

Amanda Chadwick (4th yr Eco/Law, at ANU until 1994) is currently President of the Students' Association and has wide experience in administrative management and in dealing with the University;

Malcolm Baalman (5th yr Arts/Law, also at ANU until 1994) is President of the Law Society and has been an Editor of *Woroni* and *Peppercorn* and Producer of the *Law Revue*;

Lyndon Coppin (2nd yr Arts/Law) is President of the newly formed Arts Society and has represented Arts students at FEC level, and is the general student representative on the Board of the Faculties for 1993;

Cameron Bray (4th year Arts honours, graduate Law 1993-5) has been Editor of a number of campus publications (including 2 *O-Week Handbooks*) and has been a member of several Arts Faculty committees;

Kate Sullivan (2nd yr Arts/Eco) is Treasurer of the Arts Society and is on the Health and Safety Committee at her College (John XXIII), and is the Eco/Comm representative on the Board of the Faculties for 1993.

LETTERS

AMANDA IS GOOD

Dear Eds,

I'd just like to say a few words of gratitude and encouragement to Amanda Chadwick for innovations like the Welfare Officer, the General Secretary and a fun although not totally alcohol-soaked Bush Week. Believe it or not there are people who appreciate your efforts.

Amanda, don't worry too much about your critics. It's much easier to stand on the outside and complain than to it is to actually do something. Unconstructive whining and moaning is what those who contribute nothing do best.

As for that loser Jeremy Mitchell, he'd not only not provide a Welfare Officer, he'd make sure the SA provided no services at all and then be genuinely bewildered when people were annoyed about it.

Forget about whingers like that, some of us think you're doing a great job (and you too, Woroni).

A Fan

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BYRON TRAITOR, MITCHELL

Dear Eds,

Steve Byron has obviously dedicated himself to the cause of propagation of truth with wholehearted devotion. I often think that he represents the utopian university student zealously disseminating information which is obviously invaluable to humanity. His campaigns are a constant source of intellectual stimulation. For example, look at the last issue of WORONI and the witty exposé with a strategically placed advertisement gratuitously informing the student body about the ANU's particularly low-priced GSF. However, whatever Steve's motives were, I could not see any point to the exposé or the advertisement. His argument goes something like this: ANU's GSF is the lowest in Australia; all other universities in Australia have a higher GSF; therefore ANU's GSF is the lowest in Australia. I wonder if there is a hidden conclusion which we are all supposed to subconsciously intuit. Surprise! There it is in the letters page. Jeremy Mitchell writes, "Steve is a nice guy, intelligent and would know the running of student politics better than anyone on both sides of the political fence". That is to say that Steve is better than a traitor. Don't worry Steve; I think that you are also kinder than Hitler and I would rather have your looks

than the Elephant Man's any day. However, back to the matter at hand and assumed intelligence. It distresses me to see someone who assumes so much on the part of the reader write sentences like, "First year's paid an extra \$20 in all years." How is an apostrophe used, Steve? Perhaps Steve, who asks so much of his readership, expects to gain something by a metaphysical osmosis of intellect.

GARETH MILLS

WE HATE THE GREENS

Dear Woroni,

We hate the Greens because everybody likes them and not us. We've tried everything. Expensive lawyers, wrote letters to the Vice-Chancellor and we all bought Mac computers so that we could write letters to Woroni (but unfortunately we still seem unable to string a sentence together that anyone would believe). What shall we do? Bomb the SA? Signed, The Liberal Boys.

Dear Liberal Boys,
For God's sake get it together students (and Editors) are sick of your drivel. Get a life or graduate!!!
MIN

AMANDA SPEAKS OUT

Dear Woroni,

Why am I, as President, writing a letter here and not on the President's pages? Because I am responding not as the President but as an individual to an individual's political attack. In the last edition of Woroni Jon Coroneos (under his initials, presumably in the hope of anonymity) made allegations of impropriety in the allocations of money to clubs. Impropriety in Jon's eyes seems to equal giving money to Clubs at all. It would seem that not only do the Liberal boys have no policies and no memory—they also have no facts. What do I mean by 'no policies'? I feel sure that later-year students would remember that the only Back on Track policy ever implemented was the lowering of GSF fees. All well and good if you are that way inclined—but is that all there is to it!! Obviously as far as the Lib's are concerned it is, because they have whined about everything else all year. They have

whinged about Woroni, the NEW Welfare Officer, a reduction on the commission on second hand books and now about clubs.

These whines and faceless grumblings continue daily, punctuated by the occasional threat of a court challenge. This destructive approach is typical of their overall mentality.

What do I mean by 'no memory'? Later year students will remember what has since come to be known in student circles as the 'Club' (or 'Cultural') Revolution. Angered at the refusal of the 1991 SA executive's refusal to fund Clubs, some clubs took matters into their own hands. In contrast, the 1992 Clubs and Societies Committee has in first semester alone given out more to clubs than Back on Track did in a whole year.

In policy documents given to students this time last year we promised to allocate adequate funding to clubs. Students voted in support of these and other policies. The Liberal Boys can hardly be blamed for being upset about being defeated at the polls. But why bleat about it all year? Get on do something with your life this self pity and inability to deal with basic home truths is just not healthy! My advice to the general and apolitical student mass is before I'd accept any of claims by members of the last administration waste and favours for friends I'd ask to see some facts.

The facts....A little under \$20 000 was allocated to Clubs and Societies last semester. Some of this funding was for events to be held in second semester. This money was allocated across a wide variety of clubs and not as you seem to imply only AIESEC and Debating Society. Allegations of spending for votes and for friends are more appropriate criticisms of your own administration 1990/199 (see 'Hypocrisy begins at home' issue #9). There are over 50 clubs and societies this year, an increase since last year. Each with an average membership of 20 or more. Some have a membership of a several hundred. Club membership is around 14% of the student population and that's before you include the people who take part in club organised events. Ignoring this political reality didn't get you boys far.

Finally, Jeremy Mitchell, the President of the Liberal Club roundly condemned me in the last edition for spending student money on a Student Welfare Officer. This was despite the fact that he had rung the Welfare Officer to specifically ask does the SA pay your salary? The answer was no, the SA does not pay Anne's salary, she is on a trial which the University and ITA are funding. Unbelieving of an

outcome which he would not have been able to achieve Jeremy decided to tell you fibs.

Your sincerely

AMANDA CHADWICK
President of the Students' Association.

MORE AGAINST THE COLLEGE CORRESPONDENT

Dear Editors,

Your college correspondent wrote an article in the last issue of Woroni (issue #9) that they feared might be perceived as an over-dramatisation of the situation on Daley Rd. This, however, was not their most heinous crime. They did the professionalism of your paper and the responsibilities of a correspondent a disservice by her necessary generalisation due to an obvious ignorance of the actual nature of life within each college. Your correspondent has a responsibility to present a realistic picture of college life and activities to those readers whose only perception of ANU colleges is that formed purely by such articles and the talk in uni court. College bashing, trite stereotyping and residential snobbery, for its own sake, are old and dull strategies that should be below such concerned social consciences.

I agree that there are some very important issues alluded to in the article which characterise some of the real concerns of college students and administrations alike. Yes, everything is not peachy. That is why issues of fire alarms, sexual harassment, alcohol abuse, security, and free speech are constantly on the agendas of both the student clubs and the college administration.

Firstly, your college correspondent's conclusion that though many colleges recognise the importance of sexual harassment "very few are doing anything to change it". This lacks the knowledge of what individual colleges are or are not doing. In Burgmann for example, a sexual harassment officer (designated college tutor) is available to act as a bridge to the very extensive university counselling services and sexual harassment network. The failure to change the fundamental attitudes of all residents (and, here again a generalised evaluation of the attitudes of all college residents towards issues of sexual harassment) can not be used as evidence for the supposed "general indifference of college authorities". Admittedly the potential for and consequences of sexual harassment in college are great. However, the cause won't be helped if the way

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in which you seek assistance in changing the fundamental attitudes is by placing all responsibility with a college administration that you clearly can't work with but rather prefer just to criticise unfairly. This, again does not typify student-admin relations at Burgmann College. And, by the way, this type of fundamental attitude is one which even the real world is struggling with.

Secondly, your correspondent's passing jibe about inadequate security may be a well founded comment, but is not an indication of the developments occurring at the present time in Burgmann. And finally, thanks again to your correspondent for spreading incorrect hysteria about the nature of our college atmosphere. Apparently particular colleges indulge in intimidatory acts of waving residential agreements over the heads of students who "rock the boat" and dare to speak out. However, the fear of God is not put into our residents as soon as they enter in first year.

Could your correspondent please be specific in the criticism of their own college for such practices and label it as having the atmosphere of a "police state" if warranted. But don't drag Burgmann (and other colleges where this doesn't apply) down with you by using a general approach that clearly misrepresents. This may achieve the aim of avoiding more tension between you correspondent and their college but doing so at the expense of the integrity of other colleges will not solve any specific problem. We would like to help them expose the situation in their college and bring the different experiences of our situation to bear upon the perpetrators of any such intimidation. However, the approach taken here towards putting particular issues from particular colleges on the agenda doesn't endear us greatly; it offends us.

May I suggest that you'll never be able to "workshop" consistent with a Beverly Hills 90210 model (heaven forbid!) within such an atmosphere of bitterness, ignorance, and misperception. If this article was an attempt to stimulate the "major surgery" that the author thought necessary, then shame on them for using one of their much hated "Band-Aid solutions" here. I encourage all other colleges to speak up and address such a poor attempt at the portrayal of college life and to set these misperceptions straight for your own sake. This may also prevent some colleges from committing some acts that are definitely not common practice.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Nolan.

MC - A SEXIST PIG

Dear Woroni,

I was shocked, horrified, disturbed and dismayed by the sexist loudmouth commentator who MC'ed the wood chopping/ Irongut/ belly sliding events during Bush Week. For those who were not there; this guy's idea of a humorous commentary consisted of sexist and offensive jokes, hassling of female audience members and either making fun of the girl competitors in the boat racing or giving them a much harder time than he gave the guys. Is it possible to perceive a pattern here? He doesn't seem to like women very much does he?

For example, when announcing the girls team for the wood chopping he said something about how they should be topless— why the hell make a comment like that? Would anyone have suggested the guys should take their pants off?

Admittedly I wasn't there for all of it, and I couldn't always make out his comments, but what I did hear left me appalled. What about the effect this has had on first years and others experiencing their first Bush Week? Are they going to go away thinking that sexual harassment, belittling the defenceless and intimidation is just good fun and that abusing women is what Bush Week is all about? The commentator certainly seemed to think this way.

He sounded like a bullying, woman-hating oafish boor (with a small dick) and I was disgusted that the microphone was allowed into this moron's hands.

REVOLTED

WHY DO THEY BOTHER

Dear Editors,

I am alarmed at two letters published under false names in the previous edition of Woroni. The first was attributed to Ms "Jodi Bowen", and the other to "NJC".

It has come to my attention that these letters were written by members of the Liberal students on campus, in an attempt to mislead the readership of this paper.

If these Liberal students wish to state their opinions about campus issues then they should do so openly and not hide behind aliases or initials.

I sincerely appreciate "Ms Bowen's" positive comments about me, but I am concerned that she cannot extend the same support to others. Therefore I am puzzled as to her intentions. I'm sure she doesn't think its a bad thing that students like Cameron Bray and Lyndon Coppin write in-

formative articles in Woroni. So why does she resort to attacking them personally? And if it is her intention to discredit their arguments, why does she chose to write under a false name?

I also firmly disagree with "Ms Bowen's" advice not to vote. This encouragement of apathy is designed to prevent students from having their say about important issues on this campus. Both the Students' Association and the Union have vital roles in determining what life is like as a student. After all, we have to live and study here at least 35 weeks a year.

As for "NJC", in fact it stands for Nicholas John Coroneos. His arguments are completely nonsensical. When Coroneos was president of the SA, clubs and societies received little support from his Liberal administration and now he is complaining that clubs are supporting Green Alliance. In effect he is saying "We won't do anything for clubs, but how dare you support someone who will!"

Yours sincerely,
KATH CUMMINS

Writing a letter to Woroni is easy! All you have to do is bring your letter in to us with your name (your real name), address, phone no. (if you have one) and your student no. All letters 100 words or less will be published. If any longer, we'll see how we feel.



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Poetry...

TROY

NO HOUR IS EVER
WASTED WITH YOU
YOU FILL UP MY LIFE
AND MAKE IT ANEW

I LIVE THROUGH YOUR EYES
AND BREATHE THROUGH YOUR SKIN
LIKE ANGELS WE DANCE
ON THE HEAD OF A PIN

by Bronwyn Goody

LIFE

OVERRUN AND OVERWROUGHT
SKIN PULLED TIGHT 'TIL IT WAS TAUT
BURIED UNDER A MASSIVE WEIGHT
HE LET FLOW FORTH THE TIDE OF FATE

AND ON, AND ON THE INNER WAVE
NOT A DROP HE TRIED TO SAVE
'TIL NOTHING LEFT BUT HEAVES AND MOANS
AND WEARINESS WITHIN HIS BONES

DROWNED IN HIS OWN EXISTENCE.

by Bronwyn Goody.

Entity

The tarot spills, steaming
your fortune sealed
turn your eyes to the sun, I'll be waiting in the shades
Reaching from within my well
I find my place
the sky retreats
no one may touch
this finger pointing
you cannot hide
this truth inside me growing
you are darkness too
cancer baby, canker
cutting round the edges
I want to pull you in
the two of us eating our secret
alpha and omega, a journey of circles
come closer
the right has shut its eyes

Vega and Violet
The Slez Sisters

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A debating seminar based upon the style of debating (Parliamentary Debating) used at the World Debating Championships has been organised for

NEXT THURSDAY

- Thursday, 3 September, 1992
- Commencing at 2:00PM (after "Lunchtime Speakers in the Union")
- Venue: The Union Bridge

** Light Refreshments will be provided
** Please do come along to this seminar and expand your debating skills

"Lunchtime Speakers in the Union"

The German Ambassador to Australia

TOPIC: "Germany in the 1990's"

Thursday, 3 September, 1992

- Commencing at 12:30PM
- The Union Bridge (near the Students' Association Office)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE

ANU/ADFA Debate #2

The Challenge continues...

Wednesday, 2 September, 1992

- to be held at ADFA
- commencing at 7:00PM

• We will be organising some car transport to ADFA if you are interested in attending

** Please contact KATRINA TAHKA (External Debates Officer, ph. 253 2303) or SIMON BRETTELL (President, ph. 254 3646) if...

... you can provide a car, or
... you would like a lift to ADFA

** Cars will be leaving from the Union Court roundabout (near Vivaldi's Restaurant) from 6:30PM

** There will be a novice debate followed by an open debate — if you are interested in being on the frontline against ADFA, consider debating against them and contact KATRINA TAHKA (Ph. 253 2303)

A PUBLIC DEBATE

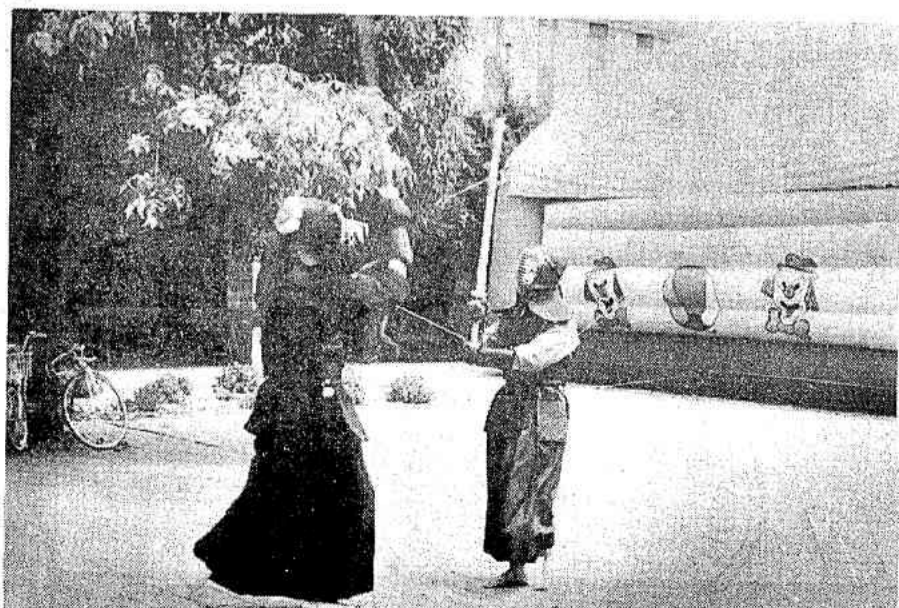
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• Thursday, 17 September, 1992

Rio ... results or rhetoric?

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My Cup Runneth Over

Care and Feeding of Your Mammary Glands
By Michele Piercey

While leafing through the April issue of 'what the smart girls carry', Cosmopolitan, I happened upon an article that dealt with an issue foremost in the mind of every shallow, trite, brainless fashion magazine editor intent on inflicting yet another attractiveness-related neurosis upon its' female readers: breast size. Does breast size really matter? And, most importantly, Cosmo asks, does it matter to *men*? The article is accompanied by a full-page photo of a fifteen year old girl-woman, naked to the waist, arms raised to expose to full advantage a pair of teeny weeny bronze champagne glass orbs of loveliness. These breasts have never been marked by an uncomfortable underwire. This girl could wear a strapless dress and not fret over bra straps. This is unsurprising, as *every* model in *every* fashion magazine looks like this. That's her job. And she only succeeds in giving the rest of we mortal women a chronic case of paranoia. Is that how we're supposed to look, you ask? Oh look, I don't know. It has been my experience that size and shape vary from sister to best friend to netball coach to Great Aunt Heloise with the Giant Bazongas that Graze her Navel, and all these women seem appropriately matched to what they have. Men, too, seem to have all kinds of preferences as to what they like best, so to the weak-willed and insecure chick that read this article actually looking for an answer to the Cosmo question, the answer is that somewhere, there is some poor slob who would give his right arm and his life's savings to nestle his head or some other part of his anatomy in whatever you have. Not to worry.

But look, girlies, when push comes to shove, does it really matter? When you're writing your Eco 4 Thesis, kicking some ADFA guy's puny butt in a debate, or finishing a 10 K run in your best ever time, are you really concerned with the size of your breasts? You can bet that Mother Theresa had more on her mind than her cup size when she got the Nobel Prize. Or, to turn the tables on gender for a moment, Einstein was probably unconcerned with the size of Einstein jr. when the Theory of Relativity was concocted.

If you must be concerned with *what's on your chest*, I have the following suggestions of things that you would be much wiser to concern yourself with, rather than mere size:

1. Breast cancer. Check. Have your doctor show you how.
2. A baby. That's what they're for, anyway.
3. A nice, comfy bra, especially for aerobics.
4. A nice slinky silk bra, seasoned with ribbon and cut-outs to taste, when you feel so inclined.
5. Perfume.
6. The hands, lips, or tongue of someone you really, really, like.

Cosmo sets all kinds of standards for us to meet, most of them unobtainable without surgery or anorexia, or both. When we look at that thin, naked, tan girl in the magazine, all we see is flesh, lips, hair, an image. We can't see, nor are we concerned with what that girl is like, whether she's funny or smart or a great basket-weaver. Cosmo doesn't care, either, as long as she looks the way they want her to. And Cosmo, and the whole generation of cloned, trite magazines like it, want to sell you and I an image, a magazine, and all the products advertised in it. They don't care about what you and I are really like, either. They don't want you to be happy with what you have, even though you ought to be, as whatever you look like on the outside has little bearing on your contents, which will not be enriched or increased in value by obsessing over your exterior and reading silly stuff such as that which is contained between the covers of Cosmo. My body and I are only worth as much as I value myself and it, and I'll kiss a Great White Shark smack on the lips before any silly old magazine editor with big hair and too much perfume will

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ANU WOMEN'S SPACE Rapunzel Room

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WHAT IF Rapunzel liked being in her tower, and found peace and tranquility there? ♣ What if it was a nice place, with pillows, endless tea and coffee, and the company of other women? ♣ What if, all along, the hair was just a wig nailed to the floor, which they preferred to a ladder because it was more fun? ♣ And what if they'd built the tower themselves, for the times when they just wanted to break from the world? ♣

